

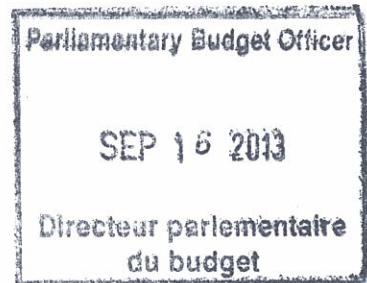


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Mr. Jean-Denis Frechette  
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Dear Mr. Frechette:

In response to the August 20th, 2013 request regarding the cost of implementing a new estimates reporting and control model (IR0128), our understanding is that a Treasury Board submission would not be required to affect any Vote transfers between Program Activities if the proposed model was adopted as the new control structure. We understand that the mechanism for such transfers would be through the Estimates cycle, either in-year through Supplementary Estimates, or for future years through the Annual Reference Level Update. While it would mean adding additional line items for any such transfers, we do not feel the costs associated with that would be significant.

Attached please find AAFC's completed questionnaire which details our rough estimate of the total costs for the various activities that would be impacted by such a change to the Vote structure. These are primarily for process and system changes, as well as costs associated with changes to reporting, all totaling \$1.2M - \$1.4M, including one-time costs. We don't believe that the overall implementation and on-going costs would be material relative to our total financial management cost.

If you require any further details, please contact Matthew Shea, Director General, Finance and Resource Management Services at 613-773-1329.

Sincerely,

P.P. Suzanne Vinet

Attachment

c.c.: Mr. Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, PCO, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy  
Mr. Timothy Sargent, Associate Deputy Minister, AAFC