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The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan  
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Information Request: IR0427

Dear Minister Sajjan:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other documents government documents and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to paragraph 79.2(1)(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports analyzing the following federal government documents: (i) a budget tabled by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance; (ii) an economic and fiscal update or statement issued by the Minister of Finance; (iii) a fiscal sustainability report issued by the Minister of Finance; (iv) the estimates of the government for a fiscal year.

For this analysis, I am requesting the following information, as I am updating information received from the Department of National Defence on list of projects budgeted in Strong Secure Engaged (SSE). Specifically, I would like any updates in terms of the accrual and cash profile of the projects over the 20-year horizon starting from FY 2019. Updates imply any changes to cost estimates, schedule changes, etc., that will affect the cash/accrual profile. I would also like an update on the associated In-Service Support (ISS) cash outlays for the same time horizon. Finally, I have attached a list of SSE projects (see Appendix) where we lack the ISS cost profile and request an update.

Project Code	Project Name
C.000770	Upgrade Academic Complex Kingston
C.000922	Small Boat Float Upgrade, Esquimalt
C.000965	Aurora Structural Life Extension Project (ASLEP)
C.001007	Medium Heavy Lift Helicopter
C.001036	Aircraft Capability Project (Tactical)
C.001069	Hangar & Admin Facility for 443 Sqn. Patricia Bay
C.001117	Airlift Capability Project (Strategic)
C.001241	Tank Replacement
C.001247	Light Armoured Vehicle Upgrade (Family of Land Combat Vehicles)
C.001249	JTFII Equipment
C.001560	Construct Maintenance Hangar 6
C.001615	Willow Park Armoury
C.002586	Halifax Class Modernization and Frigate Life Extension
C.001572	CC144 Consolidation Project
C.003034	C6 General-Purpose Machine-Gun Modernization
CA 1217	Weapon Effects Simulation Midlife Upgrade
RCAF 94	CC138 Twin Otter Life Extension (TOLE)
C.003146	CH146 Griffon Limited Life Extension Project (GLLE)
Not Available	DRMIS

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information be provided to my office no later than 15 July 2019. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your deputy minister as soon as possible.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Philip Bagnoli can be contacted directly at Philip.Bagnoli@parl.gc.ca, 613-286-2687.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 15 July 2019, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your deputy minister must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". As well, the requested information should be attached separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. The degree to which this is possible depends, to a large extent, on free and timely access to quality information held by government departments. In doing so, you are assisting us in better serving the Senate, the House of Commons, and their members.

Yours sincerely,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,  
Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy  
Ms. Jody Thomas, Deputy Minister, National Defence

Attachment: Reply form for IR0427