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The Honourable Bernadette Jordan
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Information Request: IR0599

Dear Minister Jordan:

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 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)(b) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports on matters of particular significance relating to the nation's finances or economy that are listed in an annual work plan.

I am carrying out a costing analysis of the Government of Canada's procurement of two new Polar Icebreakers. To this end, I request the following information:

- Information on project timelines and assumptions;
- The total estimated cost of the procurement, along with relevant detail on estimated labour and material costs, cost of initial spares, and the cost of installed equipment;
- A detailing of any costs already incurred;
- A summary of the financial risks and exposures associated with the project; and
- A high-level detailing of the platform's general characteristics, including displacement (both lightship displacement and full-load), dimensions, major systems (i.e., propulsion), complement, endurance, range, and speed.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **June 11, 2021**. 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, Christopher Penney can be contacted directly at Christopher.Penney@parl.gc.ca, 613-294-2756.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by June 11, 2021, 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,



Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Timothy Sargent, Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0599