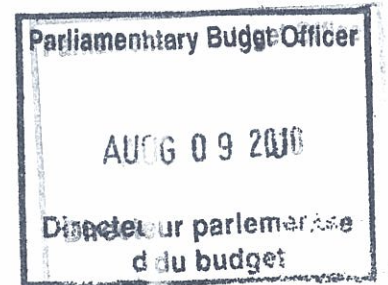




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Mr. Kevin Page  
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Dear Mr. Page:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 28, 2010, regarding the costing methodology and analysis of three Private Members' Bills: C-280, C-308 and C-395.

I am sure you can appreciate the complexity of this request as the three Bills propose several significant amendments to the *Employment Insurance Act*. I know that departmental officials are working to provide you with a response to your letter as soon as possible.

We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet in person to discuss cost estimates. The departmental contact is Mr. Irwin Bess, A/Director General, Employment Insurance Policy. His telephone number is 819-994-4690.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Shugart

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