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The Honourable Anita Anand
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Information Request: IR0780

Dear Minister Anand:

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 subparagraph 79.2(1)(c)(iv) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to undertake research on the nation's finances and economy at the request of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates of the House of Commons.

Enclosed is a list of companies, provided by Public Services and Procurement Canada, that qualify under the task-based informatics professional services supply arrangements.

For all companies in this list from which the Government of Canada used resources on a per diem basis in 2022-23 and 2023-24, please provide the information requested in Appendix A.

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 5th, 2024**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your secretary as soon as possible.

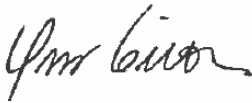
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Kaitlyn Vanderwees can be contacted directly at kaitlyn.vanderwees@parl.gc.ca, 613-294-2159.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by June 5th, 2024, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your secretary 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

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Attachment: Reply form for IR0780