



September 27, 2013

Ms. Mary Chaput  
Deputy Minister  
Veterans Affairs Canada  
66 Slater Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P4

**Re: PBO Information Request IR0125-B: Last Post Fund**

Dear Ms. Chaput:

Thank you for your September 13, 2013 response to PBO information request IR0125-A. I am writing to request additional information on the Last Post Fund, as a follow-up to that request and pursuant to discussions PBO staff have undertaken with officials from your department.

Could you please provide data distributions on historical benefits paid to fund beneficiaries over the most recent five fiscal years. The data can be provided on the level of individual beneficiaries (the preferred approach). If this approach is not feasible, the data can be grouped into a frequency distribution (with no fewer than ten categories).

Could you please include only expenses categorized as funeral services expenses, as defined by the costs referred to the *Veterans Burial Regulations* paragraphs (3)(1)(b)(i) to (viii) prior to the 2013 amendment (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-2005-200/20100101/P1TT3xt3.html>).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff if any further clarification is required.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jean-Denis Fréchette'.

Jean-Denis Fréchette  
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office,  
Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy



## PBO Information Request

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REQUEST NUMBER: IR0125-B

PBO CONTACT NAME: Trevor Shaw (613-698-6568) or [trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca](mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca)

TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time

PRIORITY: Normal

DATE REQUEST SENT: September 27, 2013

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: October 4, 2013

### PBO OBJECTIVE:

A fiscal analysis of the Funeral and Burial Program delivered by the Last Post Fund Corporation.

### RELATION TO MANDATE:

The PBO is mandated under the Parliament of Canada Act, upon request of a parliamentarian, to estimate the financial cost of any proposal for matters over which Parliament has jurisdiction.

### INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

As set out in body of letter.

Please provide in electronic format. PBO officials are available to discuss the details of this request.