



January 8, 2013

Mr. Michael Horgan
Deputy Minister
Finance Canada
140 O'Connor Street, 20th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

Re: PBO Information Request IR0101: Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections (November 2012)

Dear Mr. Horgan:

Pursuant to my mandate to provide independent analysis to the Senate and the House of Commons under s. 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, 1985, I would like to request data pertaining to the revised five-year fiscal forecast for:

- the transfers for infrastructure spending ; and,
- the Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP).

These items were identified as material revisions to the fiscal forecast on page 48 of the *Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections*, November 2012, but detailed financial figures were not presented. The information will allow us to prepare our own fiscal forecast in response to an ongoing request from the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. In order to undertake our analysis in a timely manner, I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide this information by January 22, 2013.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Page".

Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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



PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0101
PBO CONTACT NAME: Trevor Shaw (613-698-6568 or trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca)
TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time
PRIORITY: Normal
DATE REQUEST SENT: January 8, 2013
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: January 22, 2013
PBO OBJECTIVE: Research and analysis pertaining to the Government of Canada's Estimates.

RELATION TO MANDATE:

The PBO is mandated under the Parliament of Canada Act to analyze the state of the nation's finances and estimates of the government.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

- Information and data on the fiscal profile, and changes to the fiscal profile, for:
- SISIP for the years 2012-13 through 2016-17, inclusively; and,
 - transfers for infrastructure spending for the years 2012-13 through 2016-17, inclusively.

Where applicable, disaggregated by program activity. Data provided electronically, through Microsoft Excel format.