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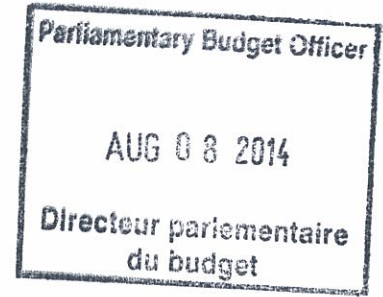
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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette  
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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 22, 2014, in which you request, under section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the New Bridge over the St. Lawrence Corridor Project.

In your letter, you indicate that the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(d) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a member or committee of either a House or a joint committee of both Houses.

While I am of the view that information contained in the RFP will not contribute to the PBO's analysis of the financial cost of the New Bridge for the St. Lawrence Corridor Project, we are nevertheless able to provide a copy of Volume 1 of RFP QA002-14-2501/A.

Please note that the RFP may be amended as a result of ongoing and planned consultations with the Proponents during the RFP period and, as a result, we request that it be treated as confidential and not released publicly.

Yours sincerely,

  
Michelle d'Auray

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