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Information Request: IR0212

Dear Mr. Tremblay:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates of the government, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out its mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by government departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy."

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, you provide access to the following information:

According to the Infrastructure Canada Departmental Performance Report of 2014, municipalities across Canada have spent \$7.3 billion on municipal projects. Please provide us with the information from 2005, the year of inception of the Gas Tax Fund, in electronic form, with the expenditures categorized by level of government, by municipality, and by infrastructure asset category in the following categories to the extent possible:

- Roads and Tunnels
- Bridges
- Water
- Wastewater / Stormwater
- Transit

- Culture
- Recreational and Sports
- Marine Transportation (ports)
- Air Transportation
- Other Institutional, Commercial and Government Building
- Waste Management and Remediation Services
- Brownfields
- Rail (freight and passenger)
- Education Infrastructure
- Health Care and Social Assistance Infrastructure
- Energy Infrastructure (electric power generation, transmission and distribution)
- Communication Infrastructure
- Oil and Gas Engineering Infrastructure

If this level of detail is not possible, please provide the information with the following breakdown:

- Public Transit Infrastructure
- Water Infrastructure
- Local Roads and Bridges
- Wastewater Infrastructure
- Community Energy Systems
- Solid Waste Management Infrastructure
- Active Transportation
- Municipal Building Capacity

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 26 February 2016. If we do not hear back from you by that date, we may consider your non-response a deemed refusal and, accordingly, report it to our named committees as instructed.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 26 February 2016, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

Your response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". Could you please attach the requested information separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Peter Weltman can be contacted directly at <mailto:Peter.Weltman@parl.gc.ca>, 613-218-1854.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons is the PBO's primary objective. 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,



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c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Attachment: Reply form for IR0212