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Concerns have recently been raised about the scope of the Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO) legislative mandate. When the PBO obtained a legal opinion on his power of direct request, it was not apparent his mandate would also be challenged. While early in his term, the PBO received legal advice on his mandate's scope and has been acting accordingly, these fresh challenges have prompted him to seek a comprehensive legal opinion. The PBO will not take any further action prior to receiving this opinion, which will be released as soon as possible. At the same time, the PBO continues to be open to communications with officials from the Privy Council Office regarding the provision of the requested information for Parliament.

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