



June 11, 2012

Michael Horgan  
Deputy Minister of Finance  
Finance Canada  
140 O'Connor Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0T6

**Re: PBO Information Request IR0081(b)**

Dear Mr. Horgan: *Michael*

Pursuant to statutory authority under section 79.3(1) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, I am requesting further details regarding the fiscal impact of reductions in spending that were outlined in Table 6.7 of Budget 2012 (<http://www.budget.gc.ca/2012/plan/toc-tdm-eng.html>).

In particular, I would like to know how the expenditure reductions announced in Budget 2010 and Budget 2011 impact the discrete categories of Direct Program Expenses presented in Table 6.6 of Budget 2012 (*Outlook for Program Expenses*). This includes planned reductions to *Operating Expenses*, *Operating Expenses subject to the Freeze*, and *Transfer Payments*.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

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

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| 1) Request Number:                 | IR0081(b)   |
| 2) PBO Contact Name:               | Jason Jacques (613-995-3315 or <a href="mailto:jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca">jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca</a> )   |
| 3) Type of Request:                | One-time.   |
| 4) PBO Objective:                  | To support analysis of the federal program expense outlook, as presented in Budget 2012.  |
| 5) Relation to Mandate:            | Pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> , the PBO has a mandate to prepare independent analysis regarding the State of the Nation's Finances.  |
| 6) Information and Data Requested: | Identification of ongoing impact of reductions in spending presented in Table 6.7 of Budget 2012, which pertain to Budget 2010 and Budget 2011, and their link to discrete categories of Direct Program Expenses (e.g. Operating Expenses, Transfer Payments) |
| 7) Priority:                       | Normal  |
| 8) Date Request Sent:              | June 11, 2012   |
| 9) Response Requested By:          | June 25, 2012   |