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June 12th, 2025

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
Minister of Finance and National Revenue
Finance Canada
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Information Request: IR0832

Dear Minister Champagne:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other government documents, and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to paragraph 79.2(1)(f) 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 of the Senate or of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting the breakdown of actual, committed, and planned funding for the GST Rebate for Municipalities under the Investing in Canada Plan. Please use the attached MS Excel Appendix A template.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **June 26th, 2025**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your deputy minister as soon as possible.

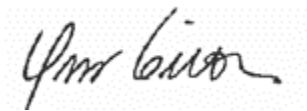
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Albert Kho can be contacted directly at Albert.kho@parl.gc.ca, 613-292-7472.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by June 26th, 2025, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your deputy minister must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

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

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yves Giroux", is centered on a light gray dotted background.

Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Mathew Sajkunovic, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for
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Chris Forbes, Deputy Minister, Finance Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0832