



7 October 2015

Mr. William F. Pentney, Deputy Minister
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Information Request: IR0210

Dear Mr. Pentney:

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:

- The expenditures of the Department of Justice on addressing Aboriginal specific claims, including the amounts spent advising AANDC, participating in negotiations, representing AANDC in proceedings before the SCT, representing AANDC in court. Include data for all available years. We invite DoJ to voluntarily provide any further data in their possession which might help the PBO to understand the legal costs of addressing specific claims.

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 23 October 2015. 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.

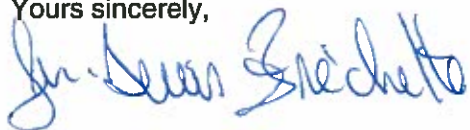
Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 23 October 2015, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

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, Mark Mahabir can be contacted directly at Mark.Mahabir@parl.gc.ca, 613-301-6708.

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,



Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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

Attachment: Reply form for IR0210



Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

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1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0210			
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	23 October 2015 / 23 octobre 2015			
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Mark Mahabir, Mark.Mahabir@parl.gc.ca, 613-301-6708			
4. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<p>The expenditures of the Department of Justice on addressing Aboriginal specific claims, including the amounts spent advising AANDC, participating in negotiations, representing AANDC in proceedings before the SCT, representing AANDC in court. Include data for all available years. We invite DoJ to voluntarily provide any further data in their possession which might help the PBO to understand the legal costs of addressing specific claims.</p> <p>Les dépenses qu'a engagées le ministère de la Justice pour répondre aux revendications particulières des Autochtones, notamment les sommes qu'il a dépensées pour conseiller AADNC, participer aux négociations, et représenter AADNC dans l'instance devant le Tribunal des revendications particulières du Canada ainsi que devant les tribunaux. Inclure les données pour toutes les années disponibles. Nous invitons le ministère de la Justice à offrir volontairement les autres données dont il dispose et qui pourraient aider le DPB à comprendre les frais judiciaires à engager pour régler les revendications particulières.</p>			
5. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided / Communiquée	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to the 7 th question / Passez à la 7 ^e question	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided / Non communiquée	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to the next question. / Passé à la question suivante.
6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :	<input type="checkbox"/> It is personal information "the disclosure of which is, restricted under section 19 of the Access to Information Act or any provision set out in Schedule II to that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(a).</i> / Il s'agit de renseignements personnels « dont la communication est restreinte en vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> ou d'une disposition figurant à l'annexe II de cette loi ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)a).</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> It is "contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada described in subsection 69(1) of that Act and is not contained in any other record, within the meaning of section 3 of that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(b).</i> / Les données sont « contenues dans les documents confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada visés au paragraphe 69(1) de cette loi » et elles ne sont pas contenues dans d'autres documents au sens de l'article 3 de cette loi. <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)b).</i>	

	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "financial or economic" data. <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1). /</i> Il ne s'agit pas de données « financières ou économiques ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "data." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1). /</i> Il ne s'agit pas de « données ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>
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