



September 30, 2013

Mr. Andrew Treusch
Commissioner and CEO
Canada Revenue Agency
Connaught Building – 7th Floor
555 MacKenzie Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L5

Subject: Information Request IR0102: Tax Gap Estimate

Dear Mr. Treusch:

I am writing further to a request for data made on December 17, 2012, by then-Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) Mr. Kevin Page.

It seems that the data was not available in the format required by the PBO. On June 7, 2013, Ms. Sonia L'Heureux, then-Interim PBO, sent you a letter in which she proposed the following option: the PBO could compensate the CRA for preparing the data, or the CRA could provide access to PBO staff members so they could prepare the data themselves.

At your suggestion, informal discussions about the best way to obtain the data in question took place during the summer. While the discussions seemed promising, they unfortunately did not yield any concrete results.

I would like to develop a positive long-term working relationship with our partners so that I can serve parliamentarians well when they request analyses from the PBO. As a result, since I have not yet received an official response from you, I would ask that you share your thoughts with me about the options put forward in the letter of June 7, 2013, so we can reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

I would appreciate receiving a response before October 15, 2013.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jean-Denis Fréchette'.

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy