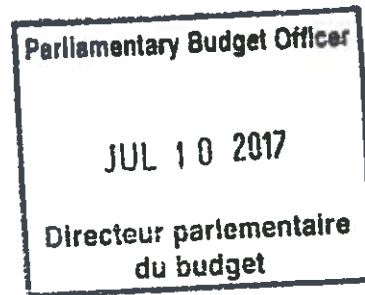




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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

Thank you for your letter of June 23, 2017, addressed to then Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General, William Pentney, regarding your request for information pertaining to cost estimates for the implementation of Bills C-45, *An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts* and C-46, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

The introduction of Bills C-45 and C-46 are important steps in fulfilling the Government of Canada's commitment to better protect public health and safety across all jurisdictions by legalizing, strictly regulating, and restricting access to cannabis. We are unable to provide the requested information because it is contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and is not also contained in any other record that does not reveal the contents of a confidence.

Yours sincerely,

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