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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
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Information Request: IR0763

Dear Minister Freeland:

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)(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports analyzing the following federal government documents: (i) a budget tabled by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance; (ii) an economic and fiscal update or statement issued by the Minister of Finance; (iii) a fiscal sustainability report issued by the Minister of Finance; (iv) the estimates of the government for a fiscal year.

For this analysis, I am requesting the annual profile for the following clean energy investment tax credits (ITCs):

- Investment Tax Credit for Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage
- Investment Tax Credit for Clean Technologies
- Investment Tax Credit for Clean Hydrogen
- Investment Tax Credit for Clean Electricity
- Investment Tax Credit for Clean Technology Manufacturing

- Please provide current provisions in the fiscal framework from 2022-23 to 2035-36, or for each fiscal year that specific ITCs apply. Please include the cost of expansions to the ITC eligibility criteria following the initial announcement date. If the 5 year profile of the ITC is unchanged from estimates previously published in the federal budget or fall economic statement, please reaffirm these estimates.
- Specific to the Clean Technologies ITC in the 2022 Fall Economic Statement and the Clean Electricity ITC in Budget 2023, please provide for each category below the annual nominal capital investment levels (in dollars) from 2023 to 2035 that is projected to be eligible for these credits:
 - Solar electricity generation systems
 - Wind electricity generation systems
 - Nuclear (large-scale and small modular reactors) electricity generation systems
 - Hydro (small and large scale) electricity generation systems
 - Abated natural gas-fired electricity generation systems
- For the above investments, please also provide assumptions regarding the annual changes to generating capacity (in megawatts) and capital costs (in dollars per kilowatt).

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 **March 11th, 2024**. 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.

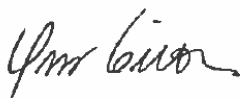
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Nora Nahornick can be contacted directly at Nora.Nahornick@parl.gc.ca, 613-294-1763.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by March 11th, 2024, 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,



Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

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Attachment: Reply form for IR0763

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