



January 4th, 2012

Mr. Michael Horgan
Deputy Minister
Department of Finance Canada
140 O'Connor Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

Re: PBO Information Request IR0061

Dear Mr. Horgan:

Pursuant to my mandate 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, as provided for by the Parliament of Canada Act, s 79.2(a), I would like to request the following information from your department:

- Details of the Government's program expense outlook presented in Table 3.5 of the Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections. In particular, the subcategories of expense listed in Table 3 of the Fiscal Monitor:
 - Other Program Expenses for *Crown Corporations, Defence and All other departments and agencies.*
 - Other transfer payments for *Aboriginal Affairs, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Health, Human Resources and Skills Development, Industry, and Other.*

My office will use this data to aid its analysis of trends in the national economy and the state of the nation's finances.

Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Page'.

 Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

Attachment

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

PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	IR00061
2) PBO Contact Name:	Jason Jacques 613-995-3315 or jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca
3) Type of Request:	One-time
4) PBO Objective:	To support analysis of federal expenses.
5) Relation to Mandate:	The PBO is mandated under the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> to provide independent analysis of trends in the national economy and the state of the nation's finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Details of the Government's program expense outlook presented in Table 3.5 of the 2011 Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections Data to be provided electronically, through Microsoft Excel format or Microsoft Word format.
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	January 4 th , 2012
9) Response Required By:	January 20 th , 2012