



13 May 2014

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Information Request: IR0156

Dear Mr. Shugart:

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 number of temporary foreign worker positions on positive labour market opinions by location of employment, as defined on the Employment and Social Development Canada website, and 4-digit National Occupation Classification (NOC) code, on a quarterly basis from 2000Q1 (or earlier) to 2013Q4.
- This information is not currently available in this form to the public. However, the Hon. Jason Kenney (Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism) referred to this data on May 7, 2014, during Question Period. In response to a question from Ms. Chrystia Freeland (Toronto Centre), Mr. Kenney replied, "I have in front of me the report on labour market opinions issued for temporary foreign workers in the Windsor area, and the overwhelming majority of these LMOs were issued for industrial instrument technicians and mechanics for less than six months."

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 23 May 2014.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 23 May 2014, 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". Please attach the requested information separately as appendices. If the appendices are confidential, please clearly mark them as such.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Jean-François Nadeau (<mailto:Jean-François.Nadeau@parl.gc.ca>), can be contacted directly.

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,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy
Mr. Bill Matthews, Assistant Secretary,
Expenditure Management, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

Attachment: Reply form for IR0156



Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

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1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0156			
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	23 May 2014 / 23 mai 2014			
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Jean-François Nadeau (Jean-Francois.Nadeau@parl.gc.ca)			
4. Information requested: /	<p>The number of temporary foreign worker positions on positive labour market opinions by location of employment, as defined on the Employment and Social Development Canada website, and 4-digit National Occupation Classification (NOC) code, on a quarterly basis from 2000Q1 (or earlier) to 2013Q4.</p> <p>This information is not currently available in this form to the public. However, the Hon. Jason Kenney (Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism) referred to this data on May 7, 2014, during Question Period. In responds to a question from Ms. Chrystia Freeland (Toronto Centre), Mr. Kenney replied, "I have in front of me the report on labour market opinions issued for temporary foreign workers in the Windsor area, and the overwhelming majority of these LMOs were issued for industrial instrument technicians and mechanics for less than six months."</p>			
Information demandée :	<p>Le nombre de postes de travailleurs étrangers temporaires visés par les avis positifs relatifs au marché du travail, par emplacement de travail, au sens du site Web d'Emploi et Développement social Canada, et le code de 4 chiffres de la classification nationale des professions (CNP), par trimestre, du premier trimestre de 2000 (ou avant) jusqu'au quatrième trimestre de 2013.</p> <p>Cette information n'est actuellement pas disponible au public sous cette forme. Toutefois, l'honorable Jason Kenney (ministre de l'Emploi et du Développement social et ministre du Multiculturalisme) a mentionné ces données le 7 mai 2014, à la période des questions. En réponse à une question de Mme Chrystia Freeland (Toronto-Centre), M. Kenney a répondu : « J'ai devant moi un rapport sur les avis relatifs au marché du travail émis pour les travailleurs étrangers temporaires dans la région de Windsor, et la très grande majorité de ces avis ont été émis pour des postes de mécaniciens et de techniciens d'appareils industriels pour une période inférieure à six mois. »</p>			
5. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided / Communiquée	Go to the 7 th question / Passez à la 7 ^e question	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided / Non communiquée	Go to the next question. / Passé à la question suivante.

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<p>Please return this completed reply form to:</p> <p>Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10th Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9</p> <p>Veuillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à :</p> <p>Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9</p>		