



Les Ponts Jacques Cartier et Champlain Incorporée
The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated



May 23rd, 2014

Without prejudice

OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICER

MR. JEAN-DENIS FRÉCHETTE
PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICER
OTTAWA (ONTARIO) K1A 0A9

Re : DOCUMENTS REQUESTED: « ALL CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE GIRDER INSPECTION REPORTS FOR GIRDERS 1,4 AND 7 AND BOTH APPROACH SPAN SECTIONS (SECTIONS 5 AND SECTION 7) GOING BACK 15 YEARS (1999-2013), TOTALLING 2,250 INSPECTIONS (3 GIRDERS X 50 SPANS X 15 YEARS). »
YOUR FILE : IRO144
OUR FILE: 2380-001

Sir,

This is further to your request IRO144 dated March 25, 2014 for the above described documents and to our letter of April 10, 2014.

The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated ("the Corporation") is a parent Crown corporation as defined in section 83 of the *Financial Administration Act* (FAA), named in Part 1 of Schedule III of the FAA. The Corporation is not a department within the meaning of any of paragraphs a), a.1) or d) of the definition "department" in section 2 of the FAA. Hence, the Corporation does not fall within section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* and is not subject to any obligation to provide the OPBO with the information requested.

Furthermore, we have carefully reviewed the principles regarding communications enumerated in the section of the *Communications Policy of the Government of Canada* ("the Policy") dealing with Application and Authority, and although the Policy does not apply to the Corporation for the same reasons as above-mentioned, we are satisfied that the Corporation's communication policies and practices are consistent with those principles. In addition, we are satisfied that the Corporation has furnished all relevant information with respect to the inspection reports on its structures to governmental authorities and the public in accordance with its obligations in that regard.

However, in its concern for collaboration and transparency, the Corporation agrees to voluntarily provide the OPBO, with certain information and documents relevant to your request which has

already been disclosed further to access to information requests pursuant to the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA).

Please find on the enclosed CD-Rom, a copy of assessments, monitorings, analysis, laboratory studies, technical reports and inspection reports pertaining to Sections 5 and 7 and girders 1, 4 and 7 of the Champlain Bridge, received between 2006 and 2014 and which were released further to said access to information requests. You will also find enclosed a list of the documents included on the CD-Rom.

Please note that in the processing of the said access to information requests, some information on the released documents were deleted pursuant to section 25 of the ATIA and that we are forwarding to you the blacked out documents as released.

Furthermore, the documents posted on the Corporation Website (www.jccbi.ca/the-corporation/transparency) pertaining to your request, notably the 2013 report from the engineering firm Buckland & Taylor regarding the edge girders as well as the 2013 Champlain Bridge Annual inspection report, are not included on the CD-Rom.

Yours truly,



Glen P. Carlin, Eng.
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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