



October 17, 2012

Mr. Michael Wernick  
Deputy Minister  
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada  
10 Wellington Street  
Room 2101  
Gatineau, Québec K1A 0H4

Re: Information Request IR0089 - Funding for First Nations Education

Dear Mr. Wernick: *Michael*

I am writing to request additional information on education and school infrastructure that supports the data found on the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) website regarding the following:

- press release, dated October 2, 2012: "Harper Government Delivers Increased Funding for K-12 First Nation Education," (Ref. #2-3713) available here: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1349184241713/1349184282897>
- announcement: "Federal Funding Levels for First Nations K-12 Education," available here: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1349140116208/1349140158945>

From the data, I understand that the Government of Canada provided \$1.7 billion to support First Nations elementary and secondary education. Can you please provide the following information to expand on how these funds are allocated?

1. A breakdown of data by major program areas with associated expenditures.
2. Federal funding provided to K-12 Band operated schools on reserve, on a per-school basis excluding Federal and private schools for specific uses, namely:
  - a. Capital expenditures
  - b. Operating and Maintenance expenditures
  - c. Other additional expenditures (e.g. off-reserve funding requirement, salaries, benefits allocations, transportation).
3. Funding allocated per the funding formula and associated funding methods.

In addition, the data referred to within the links above include student population figures. Can you please provide the following information to support this data?

4. Student population per school, non-FTE basis and FTE basis.

*Please provide the information on an annual basis, for the last five fiscal years and any projected information that you may have for the upcoming five fiscal years.*

Further, I understand that AANDC generates and reviews documents to support reporting activities for First Nations school infrastructure. Please include the most recent reports in your response including the following:

5. AANDC Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program;
6. AANDC Long-Term Capital Plan and multi-year plans submitted by First Nations;
7. AANDC Asset Condition Reporting System
8. AANDC Integrated Capital Management System;
9. Studies by independent professionals for school infrastructure

Finally, the announcement referred to an additional investment of \$304 million if 2010-11 to improve education infrastructure for band-operated schools.

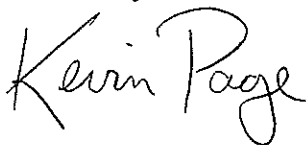
10. Can you please provide additional information regarding this funding, namely, how it is allocated and which schools will receive the funding?

As you may recall, Section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* entitles the Parliamentary Budget Officer to free and timely access to any financial or economic data in the possession of the department that are required for the performance of his or her mandate.

I would be grateful if you could notify me as soon as possible if you are unable to meet the request deadline of November 3, 2012.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any further clarification is required.

Yours truly,



Kevin Page  
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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## PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0089

PBO CONTACT NAME: Jessica Strauss (jessica.strauss@parl.gc.ca)

TYPE OF REQUEST: One time

PRIORITY: Normal

DATE REQUEST SENT: October 17, 2012

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: November 3, 2012

PBO OBJECTIVE: To better understand expenditures and to review the earlier analysis within the PBO report, "The Funding Requirement for First Nations Schools in Canada" and relating to First Nations K-12 education.

RELATION TO MANDATE: To provide independent analysis of the Government's Estimates.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED: Details provided in the body of this letter