



June 11, 2013

Mr. Francois Guimont
Deputy Minister
Public Safety Canada
Room: 198-1900
269 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

Re: PBO Information Request IR0122: Cost of S-16: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in contraband tobacco).

Dear Mr. Guimont:

This information request is being sent to you in order to answer a parliamentary request to provide a cost estimate of Bill S-16: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in contraband tobacco).

Pursuant to statutory authority under s. 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, 1985, I would like to request data, methodology and underlying assumptions pertaining to the Department's cost assessment of this Bill.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sonia L'Heureux'.

Sonia L'Heureux
Parliamentary Budget Officer (interim)

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



PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0122

PBO CONTACT NAME: Peter Weltman (613) 218-1854 or peter.weltman@parl.gc.ca

TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time

PRIORITY: Priority

DATE REQUEST SENT: June 11, 2013

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: June 25, 2013

PBO OBJECTIVE:

To provide an independent cost estimate of Bill S-16.

RELATION TO MANDATE:

Pursuant to s. 79.2, to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

Data and assumptions used to support the cost estimate. A cost estimate for the proposed legislation is required to accompany the Memorandum to Cabinet that would have sought policy authority from Cabinet to introduce the Bill.