



10 October 2014

Mr. Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister
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Information Request: IR0172

Dear Mr. Fadden:

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:

- Any estimates undertaken by the department of the cost of maintaining the current force structure, including supporting data and analysis.

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 24 October 2014.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 24 October 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". Could you please attach the requested information separately. If this information is

confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Peter Weltman can be contacted directly at Peter.Weltman@parl.gc.ca, 613-218-1854.

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,
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Director Parliamentary Affairs, National Defence

Attachment: Reply form for IR0172



Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

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1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0172		
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	24 October 2014 / 24 octobre 2014		
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Peter Weltman, Peter.Weltman@parl.gc.ca, 613-218-1854		
4. Information requested: / Information demandée :	Any estimates undertaken by the department of the cost of maintaining the current force structure, including supporting data and analysis. Toute estimation faite par le Ministère quant au coût d'entretien de la structure actuelle de la force, y compris les données et les analyses justificatives.		
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.
6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :	<input type="checkbox"/> It is personal information "the disclosure of which is restricted under section 19 of the Access to Information Act or any provision set out in Schedule II to that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(a).</i> / Il s'agit de renseignements personnels « dont la communication est restreinte en vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> ou d'une disposition figurant à l'annexe II de cette loi ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada,</i> al. 79.3(2)a).		<input type="checkbox"/> It is "contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada described in subsection 69(1) of that Act and is not contained in any other record, within the meaning of section 3 of that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(b).</i> / Les données sont « contenues dans les documents confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada visés au paragraphe 69(1) de cette loi » et elles ne sont pas contenues dans d'autres documents au sens de l'article 3 de cette loi. <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada,</i> al. 79.3(2)b).
	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "financial or economic" data. <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1).</i> / Il ne s'agit pas de données « financières ou économiques ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada,</i> par. 79.3(1).		<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "data." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1).</i> / Il ne s'agit pas de « données ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada,</i> par. 79.3(1).

