



June 12, 2009

Dr. Munir Sheikh
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Re: PBO Information Request 11

Dear Dr. Sheikh:

I would like to request from Statistics Canada the *Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics* and *Survey of Consumer Finances* microdata sets. The Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer will use this data for its research to track developments in the income distribution, government taxes and transfers, and low income of Canadian families and individuals. Our analysis may produce statistics such as those reported in Statistics Canada's recent publication *Income Trends in Canada 1976 to 2007*, but may also require various econometric techniques to address specific research questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We have much appreciated your cooperation on previous data requests. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

Yours truly,

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Encl.

c.c.: Timothy Sargent, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy



PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	011
2) PBO Contact Name:	Stephen Tapp (613-947-0570 or tapps@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	Recurrent: following each Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics release
4) PBO Objective:	Research the income distribution, income tax, government transfers, and low income of Canadian families and individuals
5) Relation to Mandate:	Analyze trends in the Canadian economy
6) Information and Data Requested:	<p>1) <i>Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics</i> Public Use microdata files, 1993-present;</p> <p>2) <i>Survey of Consumer Finances</i> Public Use microdata, 1971-1997</p> <p>Note: The administrative database is currently not being requested</p> <p><i>Formatting information:</i> Windows operating system for use with Stata statistical software (if possible)</p>
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	June 12, 2009
9) Response Requested By:	July 10, 2009