



31 January 2018

The Honourable Scott Brison, President  
Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat  
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Information Request: IR0353

Dear Minister Brison:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other documents government documents and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to subparagraph 79.2(1)(c)(ii) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to undertake research on the nation's finances and economy at the request of the Standing Committee on Finance of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am asking/requesting the following information:

- I. A complete list of the projects budgeted in “Strong, Secure and Engaged: Canada’s Defence Policy fiscal framework”, annexes A and B.
- II. The above data must be presented on a project-by-project basis, categorized by branch (e.g. RCAF, Army, Navy, etc).

For each project please provide:

- the project financial data presented annually over the 20-year plan, both in cash and accrual accounting frameworks
- lifecycle information, project start and completion dates, and other information and assumptions relevant to constructing the 20-year financial accounting profile.

- Include separately the financial details of any interim adjustments made to projects' budget projections, up to January 26, 2018.

Based on the nature of this request and the analysis I am undertaking, I believe a reasonable deadline would be 28 February 2018. A response must be provided if access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Trevor Shaw can be contacted directly at [trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca](mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca), 613-698-6568.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 28 February 2018, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

Your response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". As well, the requested information should be attached separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons for the purposes of raising the quality of parliamentary debate and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability 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,



Jean-Denis Fréchette  
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Katharine Rechico, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,  
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy  
Yaprak Baltacioglu, Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0353



## Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

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1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0353			
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	28 February 2018 / 28 février 2018			
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Trevor Shaw, <a href="mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca">trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca</a> , 613-698-6568			
4. Information requested: /	<p>For this analysis, I am asking/requesting the following information:</p> <p>I. A complete list of the projects budgeted in "Strong, Secure and Engaged: Canada's Defence Policy fiscal framework", annexes A and B.</p> <p>II. The above data must be presented on a project-by-project basis, categorized by branch (e.g. RCAF, Army, Navy, etc).</p> <p>For each project please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the project financial data presented annually over the 20-year plan, both in cash and accrual accounting frameworks</li> <li>• lifecycle information, project start and completion dates, and other information and assumptions relevant to constructing the 20-year financial accounting profile.</li> <li>• Include separately the financial details of any interim adjustments made to projects' budget projections, up to January 26, 2018.</li> </ul>			
Information demandée :	<p>Pour cette analyse, j'aimerais obtenir les renseignements suivants:</p> <p>I. Une liste complète des projets prévus au cadre fiscal expliqué aux annexes A et B de « Protection, Sécurité, Engagement : La politique de défense du Canada ».</p> <p>II. Ces données doivent être regroupées pour chaque projet individuel et les classées par branche (ARC, Armée, Marine et ainsi de suite).</p> <p>Pour chaque projet, fournir :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• les données financières du projet qui sont présentées tous les ans dans le plan sur 20 ans, selon la comptabilité de caisse et la comptabilité d'exercice;</li> <li>• les renseignements sur le cycle de vie, les dates de début et de fin du projet ainsi que les autres projets et hypothèses pertinents à l'établissement d'un profil sur 20 ans en comptabilité financière</li> <li>• Mettre séparément les détails financiers de toutes les corrections provisoires effectuées aux prévisions budgétaires des projets, jusqu'au 26 janvier 2018.</li> </ul>			
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	<p>vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i>». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada</i>, al. 79.4(2)a).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The information is information "the disclosure of which is restricted under any provision of any other Act of Parliament set out in Schedule II to the <i>Access to Information Act</i>." <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>, s. 79.4(2)(c) /</p> <p>Les renseignements « sont des renseignements dont la communication est restreinte en vertu d'une disposition d'une autre loi fédérale figurant à l'annexe II de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> » <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada</i>, par. 79.4(2)c).</p>	<p>secret professionnel de l'avocat ou du notaire ou le privilège relatif au litige » <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada</i>, al. 79.4(2)b).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is information "that is a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada as defined in subsection 39(2) of the <i>Canada Evidence Act</i>." <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>, s. 79.4(2)(d) /</p> <p>Les renseignements « sont des renseignements confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada, définis au paragraphe 39(2) de la <i>Loi sur la preuve au Canada</i> ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada</i>, al. 79.4(2)d).</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It is not required for "the performance of [the PBO's] mandate." <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>, s. 79.4(1) /</p> <p>Les données ne sont pas « nécessaires à l'exercice [du mandat du DPB] ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada</i>, par. 79.3(1).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide explanation) / Autre (veuillez préciser)</p>
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Signature:		Date: <input type="text"/> Date
<b>Please return this completed reply form to:</b>	<p>Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9</p>	
<b>Veuillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à :</b>	<p>Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9</p>	