



June 29, 2010

Mr. François Guimont
Deputy Receiver General for Canada
Public Works and Government Services Canada
11 Laurier Street
Gatineau, QC K1A 0S5

Re: PBO Information Request 031

Dear Mr. Guimont:

I would like to request, from Public Works and Government Services Canada, additional data records from CFMRS on the reconciliatory items that explain the difference between Table 2 of the Monthly Statements of Financial Operations (MSFO) and Table 3 of the Fiscal Monitor on a ministry basis. It is understood that this data will not be provided until such time as it has been made public, nor would you be expected to provide any assistance in its analysis.

Your department has been helpful in providing this information on an aggregate, total-government basis, as part of your response to PBO Information Request 008. As is now the case with the information being provided in response to our earlier information request, we understand that you will continue to exclude the detailed financial data for the legislative branch entities (*i.e.* House of Commons, Senate, Library of Parliament, Office of Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and that this information will be a summary total only.

The Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) will use this information for its research to track recent developments and past trends in the federal cash flows and expenses, beyond the publicly reported aggregate data presented in the Fiscal Monitor.

The cooperation of your department on MSFO-related requests has been much appreciated. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Page'.

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



PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	031
2) PBO Contact Name:	Jason Jacques (613-995-3315 or jacquj@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	Recurrent: each month following publication of the aggregated data in the Fiscal Monitor
4) PBO Objective:	To analyze recent developments in federal revenues and expenditures/expenses
5) Relation to Mandate:	To provide independent analysis to the Senate and House of Commons on trends in federal finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Detailed data required for reconciliation of expenditures and expenses on a ministry basis. Formatting information: Windows operating system for use with Microsoft Excel software
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	June 29, 2010
9) Response Requested By:	July 29, 2010