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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

We have received your letter dated July 8, 2014, in which you request, under section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, that we provide access to the following information:

- A **non-redacted** copy of the traffic and toll revenue analysis provided by the Steer Davies Gleave consultancy relating to the New Bridge for the St. Lawrence Project in Montréal.

The requested report has been developed by Steer Davies Gleave for the traffic and toll revenue analysis: "New Bridge for the St. Lawrence – Component 2: Traffic and Revenue Forecasts Final Report November 2013" (the Report).

In your letter, you indicate that the PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(d) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a member or committee of either a House or a joint committee of both Houses.

We are of the view that information contained in the Report does not contribute to the PBO's analysis of the financial cost of the New Bridge for the St. Lawrence Project. Nevertheless, we are providing not only economic and financial data, but additional information in the Report that you might find useful. The information highlighted in green was provided and is owned by the Government of Quebec. We would therefore request that, out of courtesy, this information not be publicly released.

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As per section 79.3(2)(b) of the Act, we cannot disclose Chapter 7: Traffic and Revenue Forecasts and Appendix A of the Report as it is contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

I trust that the information provided will be of use to the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Louis Lévesque".

Louis Lévesque

Enclosure: Reply form for IRO158

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