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The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister  
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Information Request: IR0451

Dear Minister McKenna:

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)(iii) 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 Public Accounts of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting the following information:

- On a yearly and project basis from 2016/2017 to 2027/2028, please provide spending details summarized in Annex A. Please complete the attached spreadsheet to provide the spending details.
- Provide spending of the Gas Tax Fund, identify by a province and territory basis, the amount of funding directly provided to municipalities under this fund from 2007/2008 – 2019/2020.
- In addition, I am requesting the following information on a yearly basis from 2016/2017 to 2027/2028: details on funding reallocation (or reprofiling) since the beginning of the IICP.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **February 25, 2020**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your deputy minister as soon as possible.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Nora Nahornick can be contacted directly at [Nora.Nahornick@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Nora.Nahornick@parl.gc.ca) 613-294-1763.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by February 25, 2020, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your deputy minister must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The 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.

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. 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.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,  
Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy  
Kelly Gillis, Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0452  
Annex A  
Data request template

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ANNEX A

- Delivery Department/Agency;
- Project Title;
- Program Name;
- Program/ Project Introduced (i.e. budget 2018, existing funding, etc.);
- Province / Territory of Locate;
- Location;
- Total Eligible Cost (proposed total cost for the project);
- Announced Allocation (original, publicly communicated funding envelope for the project / program);
- Amount of Money Available for Project, initial (allocation for projects after various fund transfers both in and out of the programs);
- Amount of money approved (program contribution/funding for projects that have been approved by the Minister, this is the federal share of approved project value);
- Provincial Share;
- Municipal Share;
- Other Share;
- Other Federal Share;
- Forecasted Construction Start Date;
- Forecasted construction End Date (indicate if this is an ongoing project with no deadline);
- Actual Start Date;
- Actual End Date, if available;
- Project Description;
- Total money paid out, federally (funding that has been provided to recipients);
- Projected timeline for money to be paid out, federally (projection period);
- Amount of money unspent;
- Reimbursement claims (amount spent for the project, with respect to programs that work on a reimbursement basis);
- Bilateral Agreements (y/n);
- The National Strategy category (8 total categories published on Infrastructure Canada) or McKinsey categories in which this project falls under;

If a program has a future allocation of funding, which is not yet tied to a specific project, please fill in project name as unallocated and include the details above, as available (i.e. detail the amount allocated, under which program name, etc.).