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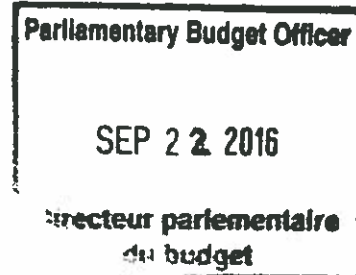
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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

**Re: Information Request IR0238**

Please see attached, in response to your request dated September 12, 2016, the 3-year (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19) accrual and cash profiles for Budget 2016 infrastructure spending along with expected economic multipliers for year 1 and 2. The Department's economic impact analysis presented in Budget 2016 has a horizon of only two years, as multipliers beyond the second year become increasingly uncertain, and could overstate the actual economic benefits.

The accrual profiles for 2016-17 and 2017-18 are consistent with the end-of-chapter tables in the Budget 2016 plan. As you are aware, there were other infrastructure measures in Budget 2016 that are not referenced in the Supplementary Estimates document linked in your request. We have included the funding profiles and the expected economic multipliers of these measures for your information. You will also notice that the funding profiles that we have provided are consistent with Table A2.4 of the 2016 Budget Plan, which outlines the value of the budget measures by category.

With regard to cash profiles by department and program activity, as you know, although the Budget provides overall funding envelopes based on the Government's priorities and plans, it is at the Treasury Board approval stage that cash allocations to organisations and programs are finalized. Given this, I suggest that you direct your request to the Secretary of the Treasury Board, who is best placed to provide you with this information.

Yours sincerely,

  
Paul Rochon

- c. Yaprak Baltacıoğlu, Secretary of the Treasury Board  
Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office