



April 25, 2013

Mr. Ian Shugart
Deputy Minister
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
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And

Mr. Michael Horgan
Deputy Minister
Finance Canada
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0G5

Re: PBO Information Request IR0114: Cost Estimate for Bill C-480

Dear Mr. Shugart and Mr. Horgan,

The Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) has been requested by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance to prepare a cost estimate of a private members' Bill C-480: An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act (funeral arrangements).

To fulfill this request, the PBO requires any cost estimates of Bill C-480 or similar proposals including:

- The analytical framework used to prepare any cost estimates of the aforementioned private members' bill;
- Supporting data used to construct the estimate (if individual-level data is provided, confidentiality will be respected);
- A description of the key underlying assumptions used to construct the estimate (e.g. the anticipated recuperation rate, mortality rates, percentage of GIS recipients with RRSPs, percentage of people who make funeral arrangements, etc.);

- Any additional analysis undertaken by HRSDC or Finance Canada officials to construct the estimate that may be relevant (e.g. behavioural changes associated with proposed changes).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if any part of this request requires clarification.

We would be grateful to meet in person with the individuals involved in the preparation of the government's estimates. PBO officials are available at your convenience.

Yours truly,



Sonia L'Heureux
Parliamentary Budget Officer (Interim)

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



PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0114

PBO CONTACT NAME: Jessica Strauss (613-769-4988 or jessica.strauss@parl.gc.ca)

TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time

PRIORITY: Normal

DATE REQUEST SENT: April 25, 2013

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: May 9, 2013

PBO OBJECTIVE:

Research and analysis pertaining to the State of the Nation's Finances.

RELATION TO MANDATE:

Pursuant to section 79.3 of the Parliament of Canada Act, the PBO may request of a deputy head any financial or economic data in the possession of the department that are required for the performance of his or her mandate.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

Information provided within the body of this letter.