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The Honourable Marc Miller  
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Information Request: IR0506

Dear Minister Miller:

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 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 paragraph 79.2(1)(b) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports on matters of particular significance relating to the nation's finances or economy that are listed in an annual work plan.

For this analysis, I am requesting a breakdown of federal funding allocations by major program area and by province/territory to support First Nations and Inuit health care, as well as, the funding formulas/methodologies used to establish such funding. See Part A of the attached Appendix for a list of major programs.

I am also requesting information on the First Nation population living on-reserve and off-reserve by First Nation/Indian band or Tribal Council area and by province/territory. As well, Inuit population living inside and outside Inuit Nunangat by province or territory of residence.

In addition to the above, the funding allocations under cross-jurisdictional mechanisms, such as federal-provincial partnerships or self-government agreements, as well as, the funding formulas/methodologies used to establish such funding. See Part B of the attached Appendix for a list of cross-jurisdictional mechanisms.

Please provide the information requested on an annual basis for fiscal years 2013-14 to 2018-19 and any projected information for the subsequent five fiscal years.

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 **July 30, 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, Robert Behrend can be contacted directly at [Robert.Behrend@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Robert.Behrend@parl.gc.ca), 613-294-2790.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by July 30, 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  
Jean-François Tremblay, Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0506  
Appendix A



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## Annex A for IR0506

### **Part A**

Major program areas to First Nations Bands and other targeted recipient groups in support of First Nations and Inuit health care include, but are not limited to:

- Healthy Child Development
- Mental Wellness
- Healthy Living
- Public Health Protection
- Communicable Disease Control and Management
- Environmental Health
- Clinical and Client Care
- Home and Community Care
- Health System Capacity
- Health System Transformation
- Tripartite Health Governance
- Non-Insured Health Benefits
- Any other program activity.

### **Part B**

Cross-jurisdictional mechanisms either through federal-provincial partnerships or self-government agreements include but not limited to:

- BC First Nations Health Authority
- James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement
- Athabasca Health Authority,
- Northern Intertribal Health Authority