



April 8, 2009

Mr. François Guimont
Deputy Receiver General for Canada
Public Works and Government Services Canada
11 Laurier Street
Gatineau, QC K1A 0S5

Re: PBO Information Request 008

Dear Mr. Guimont:

I would like to request from Public Works and Government Services Canada, the Monthly Statements of Financial Operations (MSFO) and supporting financial tables, including detailed reconciliations of expenditures and expenses. The Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) will use this information for its research to track recent developments and past trends in the federal cash flows, beyond the publicly reported aggregate data presented in the Fiscal Monitor.

As this is the PBO's first information request to your department, you may refer to our *Information Protocol*, for further information on the basic procedure (available on our webpage at: <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/Sites/PBO-DPB/documents/Information%20Protocol.pdf>). This protocol describes the process by which the PBO can obtain information from government departments, using the access to free and timely data as provisioned by amendments to the *Parliament of Canada Act*, in the creation of our office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your cooperation. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

Yours truly,

[signature]

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Encl.

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



PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	008
2) PBO Contact Name:	Brad Recker (613-992-8062 or reckeb@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	Recurrent: each month following publication of the aggregated data in the Fiscal Monitor
4) PBO Objective:	To analyze recent developments in federal revenues and expenditures/expenses
5) Relation to Mandate:	To provide independent analysis to the Senate and House of Commons on trends in federal finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Monthly Statements of Financial Operations, supporting financial tables to these statements and a reconciliation of expenditures and expenses. Formatting information: Windows operating system for use with Microsoft Excel software
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	April 8, 2009
9) Response Requested By:	May 8, 2009 to include February's data