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Information Request: IR0144

Dear Mr. Carlin:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances, the economy, the estimates, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out this mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy.

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, in accordance with the *Communications Policy of the Government of Canada*, you provide access to the following information:

- All Champlain bridge girder inspection reports for girders 1, 4, and 7 and both approach span sections (section 5 and section 7) going back 15 years (1999–2013) totalling 2,250 inspections (3 girders × 50 spans × 15 years).

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 14 April 2014.

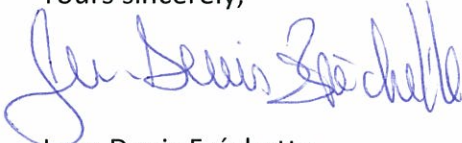
If you would like any of the information you provide to remain confidential, please clearly mark it "confidential."

Since the PBO posts all reply letters on line, we would ask that the requested information not be included in the body of any reply letter you send. This will allow the PBO to maintain confidentiality where necessary.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Duncan MacDonald, Financial Analyst (duncan.macdonald@parl.gc.ca 613-769-4988) can be contacted directly.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this regard. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons is the PBO's primary objective. 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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