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The Honourable Marc Miller
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Information Request: IR0801

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)(f) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a member of the Senate or of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting:

- The number of persons, born outside of Canada to a Canadian citizen parent, that would be affected by Bill C-71 (the bill). The breakdown of this number between those who reside (group 1) and those who do not reside (group 2) in Canada should be provided;
- The number of all other persons, who were citizens and ceased to be or were born to a parent (or who had a grandparent or any ancestor) who, but for their death, would have been a citizen after the bill came into force, that would be affected by the bill (group 3);
- The average costs and revenues associated with granting or restoring Canadian citizenship for individuals in the three groups above over the 10 most recent years. The breakdown of these costs and revenues between the three groups of beneficiaries specified above should be provided;
- Any other costs related to services provided by the government to Canadians abroad (including, but not limited to, consular services that provide protection to citizens charged

with criminal offenses, assistance with other legal matters, and evacuation in situations of crisis abroad).

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 **November 1st, 2024**. 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, Eskandar Elmarzougui can be contacted directly at Eskandar.Elmarzougui@parl.gc.ca, 613-797-5698.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by November 1st, 2024, 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,



Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

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Harpreet S. Kochhar, Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0801