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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
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Information Request: IR0774

Dear Minister Hajdu:

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 subparagraph 79.2(1)(c)(iv) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to undertake research on the nation's finances and economy at the request of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting additional information on the following planned spending reductions as part of the Refocusing Government Spending exercise:

2024-25: \$64,716,653
2025-26: \$108,603,653
2026-27: \$170,702,653

By fiscal year, please provide a breakdown of the planned savings:

- By program, with information on planned service-delivery impacts; and
- By type (consulting, professional services, travel, other eligible spending), with information on planned service-delivery impacts.

Please provide the requested information consistent with the format used in Appendix A.

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 **May 9th, 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, Kaitlyn Vanderwees can be contacted directly at kaitlyn.vanderwees@parl.gc.ca, 613-294-2159.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by May 9th, 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

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Gina Wilson, Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0774