



July 25, 2011

Ms Michelle d'Auray
Secretary of the Treasury Board
Treasury Board of Canada
140 O'Connor Street, 9th Floor East Tower
Ottawa ON K1A 0R5

Re: PBO Information Request IR0046

Dear Ms d'Auray:

Pursuant to my mandate to provide independent analysis to the Senate and the House of Commons under s. 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, 1985, I would like to request data pertaining to funding authority adjustments contained in the Supplementary Estimates, delineated by Program Activity.

- Specifically, if your Ministry is presented in the Supplementary Estimates documents, I am requesting a list of all adjustments to budgeted total Program Activity expenditures that have occurred since these data were presented to Parliament in the Main Estimates.

On the face of it, these data do not themselves constitute cabinet confidences as described in s. 69(1) of the *Access to Information Act*, 1985. If they are contained in a memorandum to Cabinet, they must be severed and disclosed pursuant to s. 25. As described in *Canada (Information Commissioner) v. Canada (Minister of the Environment)* (2001), any data contained in a memorandum whose purpose is to provide background explanations, analyses of problems, or policy options, must be severed and considered to fall within the exception to s. 61(1) found in s.69(3).

Any data or information you share would be used by my staff to perform research and analysis of the Government of Canada's Estimates.

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

Yours truly,

Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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

PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	IR0046
2) PBO Contact Name:	Jason Jacques 613-995-3315 or jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca
3) Type of Request:	Ongoing
4) PBO Objective:	Research and analysis pertaining to the Government of Canada's Estimates.
5) Relation to Mandate:	The PBO is mandated under the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> to analyze the state of the nation's finances and estimates of the government.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Adjustments (increases and decreases) to Ministry authorities, delineated by Program Activity, which have occurred since their earlier presentation in the Main Estimates. The basis of presentation should be consistent with data already publicly released through the Main Estimates. Data to be provided electronically, through Microsoft Excel format.
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	July 25, 2011
9) Response Required By:	Adjustments to authorities to be provided within 5 business days of the public release of each Supplementary Estimates.