



June 28, 2011

Ms. Michelle d'Auray  
Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada  
Treasury Board of Canada  
140 O'Connor Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0T6

**Re: Amendment to PBO Information Request IR0048**

Dear Ms. D'Auray:

Further to your June 24, 2011 response regarding Information Request IR0048, this note requests further clarification regarding the Operating Budget Freeze announced in Budget 2010.

You indicate that there is no means to precisely calculate the impact of the operating budget freeze on individual federal organizations. However, Table 4.1.1 of Budget 2010 provided a five-year savings profile arising from this initiative (\$6.8 billion to 2014-15).

I would appreciate if you could share the methodology used to calculate this amount, including any material assumptions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Page'.

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

<b>1) Request Number:</b>	IR0048 Amendment (June 28, 2011)
<b>2) PBO Contact Name:</b>	Jason Jacques (613-995-3315 or <a href="mailto:jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca">jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca</a> )
<b>3) Type of Request:</b>	One-time
<b>4) PBO Objective:</b>	To analyze the impact of austerity initiatives on federal program spending.
<b>5) Relation to Mandate:</b>	The PBO is mandated to analyse the state of the nation's finances.
<b>6) Information and Data Requested:</b>	The Operating Budget Freeze
<b>7) Priority:</b>	Normal