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The Honourable Randy Boissonnault
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Information Request: IR0803

Dear Minister Boissonnault:

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)(b) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports on matters of particular significance relating to the nation's finances or economy that are listed in an annual work plan.

For this analysis, I am requesting:

The breakdown by category (student, work, asylum claimants, etc.) for the projected NPR population presented in Annex 4 of the 2024 Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration in the table entitled "Net Change in Newcomers to Canada." We would also like a breakdown by those same categories of the outflows and inflows. Finally, we would like a time series of permits issued and arrivals for the last 10 years for work permits and student permits.

With the understanding that this information might be held jointly by ESDC and IRCC, this request was sent to both departments with the understanding that different data series would be provided by the primary data holder.

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, Caroline Nicol can be contacted directly at Caroline.Nicol@parl.gc.ca, 613-295-1626.

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

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

Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

Attachment: Reply form for IR0803