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The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister
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Information Request: IR0373

Dear Minister Bains:

Thank you for your response to our Information request IR0363 regarding Budget 2016 Infrastructure funding (found via the link below):

http://www.pbo-ppb.gc.ca/web/default/files/Documents/Info%20Requests/2018/IR0363_ISEDC_Infrastructure_update_May2018_EN.pdf

We would like to reconfirm the original intent of our Information Request was to include *all* relevant funding data from Regional Development Agencies under your authority.

Please complete the attached MS excel Infrastructure Reporting Template with the list of projects/programs being funded by Regional Development Agencies under your authority from funding obtained from the federal infrastructure initiative via Budget 2016 Infrastructure Spending.

Please return the completed MS Excel Infrastructure Reporting Template to the office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer in electronic format.

Based on the nature of this request and the analysis I am undertaking, I believe a reasonable deadline would be **5 July 2018**. If access to the request information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you, by the appropriate deputy minister or designate, or by the person occupying a similar position.

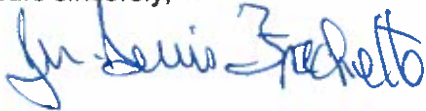
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Jason Jacques can be contacted directly at jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca, 613-853-1596.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 5 July 2018, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, the appropriate deputy minister or the person occupying a similar position 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.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons for the purposes of raising the quality of parliamentary debate and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability is the PBO's primary objective. 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,



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Attachments: Reply form for IR0373
Infrastructure Reporting Template Form