

October 18, 2013

Ms. Mary Chaput  
Deputy Minister  
Veterans Affairs Canada  
66 Slater Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P4

**Re: IR0136 - Fiscal Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Canadian Forces**

Dear Ms. Chaput:

Pursuant to the mandate of the Parliamentary Budget Officer to provide independent analysis to Parliament on the state of the nation's finances, I am writing to request information to support an analysis of the impact of financial liabilities resulting from PTSD in the Canadian Forces.

I am writing to you today to request current and historical financial information in your possession with respect to the cost of diagnosing and treating cases of PTSD, including:

- the per case cost of diagnosis;
- the per case cost of treatment; and
- the volume of cases for which your department provides treatment and/or insurance benefits for on an annual basis.

I am also interested in obtaining program-specific data, including that pertaining to the in and out-patient PTSD treatment programs offered at Veterans Affairs Canada facilities, including Ste. Anne's Hospital in Quebec.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I encourage you to contact my staff should you require any clarification of this request.

Yours sincerely,



Jean-Denis Fréchette  
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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



## PBO Information Request

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REQUEST NUMBER: IR0136

PBO CONTACT NAME: Erin Barkel ([erin.barkel@parl.gc.ca](mailto:erin.barkel@parl.gc.ca); 613-355-8467)

TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time

PRIORITY: Normal

DATE REQUEST SENT: October 18, 2013

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: October 31, 2013

### PBO OBJECTIVE:

Fiscal Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Canadian Forces

### RELATION TO MANDATE:

The PBO is mandated under the Parliament of Canada Act provide independent analysis to Parliament on the state of the nation's finances.

### INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

As set out in the body of the letter. Erin Barkel is available to respond to any questions pertaining to this request.

Please provide any financial data pertaining to this request in a spreadsheet-compatible electronic format (e.g. .xls file).