



March 4, 2010

Linda Lizotte-Macpherson
Commissioner
Canada Revenue Agency
555 MacKenzie Avenue
Ottawa ON K1A 0L5

Re: PBO Information Request 025

Dear Ms. Lizotte-Macpherson: *Linda*

Pursuant to statutory authority granted to me under section 79.3(1) of the *Parliament of Canada Act (PCA)*, I am requesting a copy of the database prepared by CRA's Statistics Division for Finance Canada's microsimulation of Canadian federal corporate income tax rates.

I have received several requests from parliamentarians over the past year regarding the costs of amending certain aspects of the corporate income tax system, which I am currently unable to properly assess owing to a lack of data. Moreover, this database will also be useful in improving the quality of the fiscal analysis prepared by my staff and presented to Parliament.

I understand that there may be an incremental cost associated with this request. If applicable, please contact my office to discuss any appropriate cost recovery arrangements.

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

Yours truly,

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

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



PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	025
2) PBO Contact Name:	Jason Jacques (613-995-3315 or jacquj@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	Annual Ongoing
4) PBO Objective:	To respond to multiple and ongoing inquiries from parliamentarians regarding the fiscal costs arising from adjustments to the federal corporate tax system, as well as improve capacity to analyze the state of the nation's finances.
5) Relation to Mandate:	Section 79.2 (d) of the <i>PCA</i> provides a mandate to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction, on the request of parliamentarians. Section 79.2 (a) of the <i>PCA</i> provides a mandate to provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	A copy of the corporate filers database prepared by CRA's Statistics Division and provided to Finance Canada to support microsimulation of Canada's federal corporate income taxes.
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	March 4, 2010
9) Response Required By:	April 1, 2010