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Information Request: IR0151

Dear Mr. Carlin:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates of the government, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out its mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by government departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy."

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, you provide access to the following information:

- Annual expenditures on Champlain Bridge maintenance, above and beyond regular operational maintenance, for fiscal years 1998–1999 to 2013–2014. These expenditures should correspond to what is now provided in the "Maintenance" expense row of the table found on page 10 of the English version of the 1999–2000 Annual Report ("1999–2000 ALLOCATION OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY CIVIL STRUCTURE").

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 23 May 2014.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 23 May 2014, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

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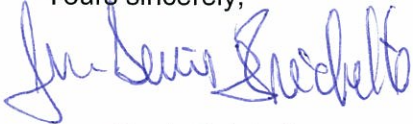
For any information you provide that is confidential, please clearly mark it "confidential."

Since the PBO posts all reply letters on line, we would ask that the requested information not be included in the body of any reply letter you send. This will allow the PBO to maintain confidentiality where necessary.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Duncan MacDonald ([Duncan.MacDonald@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Duncan.MacDonald@parl.gc.ca)), can be contacted directly.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons 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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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,  
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Mr. Bill Matthews, Assistant Secretary,  
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Attachment: Reply form for IR0151