



May 26, 2010

Mr. Michael Wernick  
Deputy Minister  
Indian and Northern Affairs  
10 Wellington Street  
Gatineau QC K1A 0H4

**PBO Information Request 028**

Dear Mr. Wernick:

I would like request from Indian and Northern Affairs data regarding the new *Nutrition North Canada* program, formerly the *Food Mail* program. Specifically, our office is looking for planned spending authorities (i.e. annual budget) for the next five years for this program (2010-11 to 2014-15). Also, we would like to see a breakdown of the source of these funds – portion of main budget and portion(s) transferred from other vote(s) within INAC. This data on this program and spending authorities will be used for our mandated analysis on the nation's finances and government estimates.

Pursuant to the information access provisions contained in section 79.3(1) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, I trust that Indian and Northern Affairs is willing to offer the same level of transparency to the Parliamentary Budget Officer as it has in the past.

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

Yours truly,

*[Signature]*

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**Encl. (2)**

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



### PBO Information Request

<b>1) Request Number:</b>	028
<b>2) PBO Contact Name:</b>	Peter Weltman (613-996-1952 or weltmp@parl.gc.ca)
<b>3) Type of Request:</b>	One-time
<b>4) PBO Objective:</b>	To conduct research on the nation's finances and government estimates.
<b>5) Relation to Mandate:</b>	The PBO is mandated to conduct analysis on the state of the nation's finances and government estimates.
<b>6) Information and Data Requested:</b>	Data pertaining to planned spending authorities specific to the <i>Nutrition North Canada</i> program (formerly the <i>Food Mail</i> program). Please include data for (i) current year, and (ii) four years going ahead. See attached appendix for breakdown of this requested data. Also, please include a description of the source(s) of funding for this program (i.e. main budget and/or intra-department transfers).
<b>7) Priority:</b>	Standard
<b>8) Date Request Sent:</b>	May 26, 2010
<b>9) Response Required By:</b>	June 4, 2010



### Appendix: PBO Information Request

Please provide figures specific to the Nutrition North Canada program (formerly the Food Mail Program); not the general line item Healthy Northern Communities.

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Program Planned Spending Authorities (\$000)</b>	<b>Source of Funds Breakdown (\$000)</b>
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13		
2013-14		
2014-15		