



March 26, 2013

Mr. Michael Horgan  
Deputy Minister  
Finance Canada  
140 O'Connor Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

**Re: PBO Information Request IR0110: Budget 2013**

Dear Mr. Horgan:

Pursuant to my mandate to provide independent analysis to the Senate and the House of Commons under s. 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, 1985, I would like to request data pertaining to several aspects of revenues and expenses presented in Economic Action Plan 2013.

With respect to the aggregated data presented in Table 4.2.2 of Economic Action Plan 2013, for the fiscal years 2012-13 to 2017-18 I am requesting the individual annual impacts (in millions of dollars) of changes to the following items of direct program expenses that were (qualitatively) identified on pp. 280 and pp. 282-283, compared to comparable figures presented in the 2012 Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections:

- Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's liability for decommissioning and legacy waste management.
- Consolidated Crown Corporation expenses;
- Transfers to provinces in respect of natural resource revenues;
- Costs for refundable tax credits;
- "Essential service" expenses;
- Compensation expenses;
- Lapse amounts;
- Infrastructure expenses; and,
- Pension and benefit expenses.

In addition, with respect to Table 4.2.3 of Economic Action Plan 2013, could you please share the methodology used to generate the projected revenue increase in 2012-13 to 2017-18 arising from changes to the Canada Revenue Agency's Compliance Programs. This would



include data regarding the types of additional tax revenues that are projected to accrue (*e.g.* Personal Income Tax, Corporate Income Tax, *etc.*).

Finally, with respect to Table A2.1 of Economic Action Plan 2013, could you please identify those measures with a "-" nil amount over the five year projection horizon that cannot be determined at this time, rather than being small amounts (*i.e.* less than \$1 million).

The information will allow us to prepare our own fiscal analysis in response to an ongoing request from the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff if any further clarification is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sonia L'Heureux'.

Sonia L'Heureux  
Parliamentary Budget Officer (Interim)

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



## PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0110  
PBO CONTACT NAME: Jason Jacques (613-853-1596)  
TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time  
PRIORITY: Normal  
DATE REQUEST SENT: March 26, 2013  
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: April 10, 2013  
PBO OBJECTIVE: Research and analysis pertaining to the State of the Nation's Finances.

### RELATION TO MANDATE:

The PBO is mandated under the Parliament of Canada Act to analyze the state of the nation's finances and estimates of the government.

### INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

Information and data on the fiscal profile, and changes to the fiscal profile, for:

- The amounts by which the lapse projection from 2012-13 to 2017-18 has been revised in Budget 2013, compared to the previous projection.