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The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier  
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
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Information Request: IR0765

Dear Minister Lebouthillier:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other government documents, and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to paragraph 79.2(1)(e) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a committee of either a House or a joint committee of both Houses.

I am carrying out an updated costing analysis of the Government of Canada's procurement of Polar Icebreakers. To inform this costing, our team has identified the Offshore Oceanic Science Vessel (OOSV) program as a relevant data source. To this end, I am requesting the following information:

- The most recent cost estimate associated with the OOSV program;
- Information on project timelines and assumptions for the program;
- The realized costs, by fiscal year, of the full production cycle associated with the vessel, along with relevant details on labour and material costs, the cost of initial spares, and the cost of installed equipment for the program;
- The estimated costs, by fiscal year and phase of procurement, for the remainder of the program, including projected expenditures associated with the future delivery of the vessel;

- A high-level detailing of the platform's general characteristics, including displacement (both lightship displacement and full-load), dimensions, major systems (i.e., propulsion), complement, endurance, range, and speed;
- A summary of any outstanding financial risks and exposures associated with the program, as available; and,
- The date as of which the information provided is considered current.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your deputy minister as soon as possible.

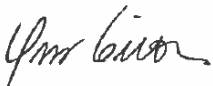
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Albert Kho can be contacted directly at [Albert.kho@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Albert.kho@parl.gc.ca), 613-292-7472.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your deputy minister must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". As well, the requested information should be attached separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. 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,



Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy  
Annette Gibbons, Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Mario Pelletier, Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard

Attachment: Reply form for IR0765