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The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister
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Information Request: IR0436

Dear Mr. Bains:

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 documents 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)(b) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports on matters of particular significance relating to the nation's finances or economy that are listed in an annual work plan.

For this analysis, I am requesting the following information:

- a breakdown of ITB program obligations by procurement program and trading partner. This should include all ITB program agreements that have either been in effect or have come into effect since the 2014-2015 fiscal year (through the 2018-2019 fiscal year, as available);
- data on all Canadian contractor firms in receipt of co-production or other economic activity under the ITB program over this period, including the amounts associated with each obligation, the time horizon for completion of the obligation, the nature of the expected or completed work for the obligation, and each industry partner's associated NAICS (industry classification) code; and
- data and methodology associated with ISED's calculation of the economic impacts of the ITB program through Input-Output, or any other type of, modelling.

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 **16 December 2019**. 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, Christopher Penney can be contacted directly at Christopher.Penney@parl.gc.ca 613-294-2756.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 16 December 2019, 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,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
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Mr. Simon Kennedy, Deputy Minister, Innovation, Science and Industry

Attachment: Reply form for IR0436