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Ms. Christine Hogan, Deputy Minister
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Information Request: IR0495

Dear Ms. Hogan:

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)(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, members of my staff have contacted members of your staff for technical discussion regarding the output-based pricing system, most particularly to review the manner in which we will be modelling the program both before and after 2022. Similar discussions have occurred in the past, and we are grateful for the clarifications that your staff have provided.

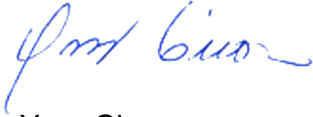
I am requesting more recent information related to the output-based pricing system which can be discussed among officials of our respective offices.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Philip Bagnoli can be contacted directly at Philip.Bagnoli@parl.gc.ca, 613-286-2687.

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 cooperation by government departments. In doing so, you are assisting us in better serving the Senate, the House of Commons, and their members.

I thank you in advance and look forward to hearing back from you on or before May 27, 2020 so that my staff can continue to productively engage with the expertise in your Department.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Yves Giroux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yves" being more prominent than the last name "Giroux".

Yves Giroux
Parliamentary Budget Officer