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Information Request: IR0181

Dear Mr. Natynczyk:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates of the government, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out its mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by government departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy."

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, you provide access to the following information:

- Anonymized client-level data on all determinants for Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) client benefits, for all VAC clients for 2006 and 2013. Specifically, information on VAC clients':
 - i) Age, ii) Gender, iii) Annual pre-release salary, iv) % of Pre-Release Salary for Earnings Loss Benefit and Service Income Security Insurance Plan Benefits, v) Full-time or Part-time Service, vi) Province of residence, vii) eligibility for the Death Award under the New Veteran's Charter (NVC), viii) eligibility for earnings loss benefits to age 65 under the NVC, ix) Exceptional Incapacity Allowance Eligibility under the Pension Act (Part IV, Section 72) x) Attendance Allowance under the Pension Act, xi) Permanent Impairment Allowance Eligibility under the NVC, xii) Eligibility for Permanent Impairment Allowance Supplement, xiii) receiving Canada Pension Plan (CPP), xiv) Disability factor, xv) spouse age, xvi) spouse gender, xvii) spouse annual income, xviii) child age, xix) child gender

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 16 February 2015.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 16 February 2015, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

Your response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". Could you please attach the requested information separately.

The PBO and his staff will treat the information provided as confidential, putting in place mechanisms necessary to safeguard its integrity. PBO staff undertake not to attempt to link the microdata requested to any other data in order to relate the particulars to any identifiable individual person, business or organization.

The microdata provided will not be disclosed to anyone other than current PBO employees, and only aggregate results and analysis will be published.

If you allow the PBO access to the microdata by physically providing a copy of it, rather than allowing access to it on your premises, you can request that the physical copies of the microdata be returned to you six months after the analysis based upon it is published.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Carleigh Malanik can be contacted directly at <mailto:Carleigh.Malanik@parl.gc.ca>, 613-853-8763.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons is the PBO's primary objective. 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,



Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Attachment: Reply form for IR0181



Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

19 January 2015 / 19 janvier 2015

Veterans Affairs Canada / Anciens Combattants Canada

1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0181		
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	16 February 2015 / 16 février 2015		
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Carleigh Malanik, mailto:Carleigh.Malanik@parl.gc.ca , 613-853-8763		
4. Information requested: /	Anonymized client-level data on all determinants for Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) client benefits, for all VAC clients for 2006 and 2013. Specifically, information on VAC clients: i) Age, ii) Gender, iii) Annual pre-release salary, iv) % of Pre-Release Salary for Earnings Loss Benefit and Service Income Security Insurance Plan Benefits, v) Full-time or Part-time Service, vi) Province of residence, vii) eligibility for the Death Award under the New Veteran's Charter (NVC), viii) eligibility for earnings loss benefits to age 65 under the NVC, ix) Exceptional Incapacity Allowance Eligibility under the Pension Act (Part IV, Section 72) x) Attendance Allowance under the Pension Act, xi) Permanent Impairment Allowance Eligibility under the NVC, xii) Eligibility for Permanent Impairment Allowance Supplement, xiii) receiving Canada Pension Plan (CPP), xiv) Disability factor, xv) spouse age, xvi) spouse gender, xvii) spouse annual income, xviii) child age, xix) child gender		
Information demandée :	Données de clients anonymes sur tous les déterminants pour les avantages clients d'Anciens Combattants Canada (ACC), pour tous les clients d'ACC pour 2006 et 2013. Plus précisément, l'information concernant les clients d'ACC : i) Âge, ii) Sexe, iii) Salaire annuel avant la libération, iv) % du salaire avant la libération pour la compensation pour perte de revenus et les Prestations du Régime d'assurance-revenu militaire, v) Service à temps plein ou à temps partiel, vi) Province de résidence, vii) admissibilité à l'indemnité de décès en vertu de la nouvelle Charte des anciens combattants (CAC), viii) admissibilité à une compensation pour perte de revenus à l'âge de 65 ans en vertu de la CAC, ix) admissibilité à l'allocation d'incapacité exceptionnelle au titre de la Loi sur les pensions (partie IV, article 72) x) Allocation pour soins en vertu de la Loi sur les pensions, xi) Admissibilité à l'allocation pour déficience permanente en vertu de la CAC, xii) Admissibilité au supplément à l'allocation pour déficience permanente, xiii) prestations du Régime de pensions du Canada (RPC), xiv) facteur d'incapacité, xv) âge du conjoint, xvi) sexe du conjoint, xvii) revenu annuel du conjoint, xviii) âge de l'enfant, xix) sexe de l'enfant		
5. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided / Communiquée	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided / Non communiquée	Go to the next question. / Passé à la question suivante.

<p>6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> It is personal information "the disclosure of which is restricted under section 19 of the Access to Information Act or any provision set out in Schedule II to that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(a). /</i> Il s'agit de renseignements personnels « dont la communication est restreinte en vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> ou d'une disposition figurant à l'annexe II de cette loi ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)a).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> It is "contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada described in subsection 69(1) of that Act and is not contained in any other record, within the meaning of section 3 of that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(b). /</i> Les données sont « contenues dans les documents confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada visés au paragraphe 69(1) de cette loi » et elles ne sont pas contenues dans d'autres documents au sens de l'article 3 de cette loi. <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)b).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "financial or economic" data. <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1). /</i> Il ne s'agit pas de données « financières ou économiques ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "data." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1). /</i> Il ne s'agit pas de « données ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not required for "the performance of [the PBO's] mandate." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1) /</i> Les données ne sont pas « nécessaires à l'exercice [du mandat du DPB] ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide explanation)./ Autre (veuillez préciser)	
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<p>Signature: <input type="text"/></p>		<p>Date: <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>Please return this completed reply form to:</p>		<p>Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10th Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9</p>	
<p>Veuillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à :</p>		<p>Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10^e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9</p>	