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Information Request: IR0642

Dear Mr. Arora:

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)(f) 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 member of the Senate or of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting information about persons who pay into or are receiving benefits through the:

- Public Service Superannuation Account
- Pension Plan for the Public Service of Canada
- Pension Plan for Federally Appointed Judges
- Pension Plan for Members of Parliament (please exclude those who do not have enough years of service to qualify for a pension)

For each of the groups above, please provide the following information for the 2020 and 2021 years. Please separate age groups by five years (ie. 20-24, 25-29, etc):

- Number of active member contributors, by age group and sex
- Number of current pensioners, by age group and sex
- Number of current survivors, by age group and sex
- Number of current survivors earning survivor benefits (and if not receiving benefits, why)

Information on marital status of the workers/pensioners and mortality rates for the 2020 and 2021 year, including:

- Marital status, by age group and sex
- Assumed mortality rates, by age group and sex

Information on the average annual pension and survivor benefit amount, by age group and sex.

Information on the current service cost as a percent of pensionable payroll for the 2020 and 2021 year.

Please note that we are also sending Information Requests to the Canada Revenue Agency and the Treasury Board Secretariat, and have already sent requests to Veterans Affairs, the Department of National Defense and Public Services and Procurement. As such, if the information to complete sections of this request would require your department to coordinate with these other departments for information, it is not necessary to do so in this case.

As well, Veterans Affairs advised us that Statistics Canada produced some tabulations for them in March 2021 about veterans who marry over age 60. This Information Request relates to similar types of data but for different groups of people. We bring this to your attention in case it is helpful for Statistics Canada to be aware of pre-existing methodology that may be useful for this Information Request.

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 **May 4th, 2022**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you as soon as possible.

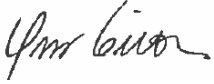
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Katarina Michalyshyn can be contacted directly at Katarina.Michalyshyn@parl.gc.ca, 613-218-5339.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by May 4th, 2022, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you 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

Attachment: Reply form for IR0642