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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
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Information Request: IR0791

Dear Minister Bibeau:

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)(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports analyzing the following federal government documents: (i) a budget tabled by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance; (ii) an economic and fiscal update or statement issued by the Minister of Finance; (iii) a fiscal sustainability report issued by the Minister of Finance; (iv) the estimates of the government for a fiscal year.

For this analysis, I am requesting for data relating to the proposed updates to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) in Budget 2024. An enclosed Excel document provides details on the specific data requested. It is similar to the data provided in [IR0683](#).

In particular, I am requesting an update for the variables that were included in IR0683 for the 2022 tax year (detailed on the “Extension – Ind Variables” and “Extension – Trust Variables” sheets), as well as their counts/averages by total income brackets (in addition to taxable income brackets) for the 2015-2022 tax years. Furthermore, I need data for some new variables that were not included in IR0683 (detailed on the “New – Ind Variables” and “New – Trust Variables” sheets) for the 2015-2022 tax years.

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 **August 19th, 2024**. If access to the requested information cannot

be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your commissioner as soon as possible.

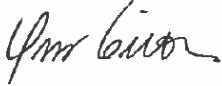
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Matt Dong can be contacted directly at Matt.Dong@parl.gc.ca, 613-222-8516.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by August 19th, 2024, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your commissioner 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.: Michael Gauvreau, Privy Council Office, Acting Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Bob Hamilton, Commissioner of Revenue and Chief Executive Officer, Canada Revenue Agency

Attachment: Reply form for IR0791