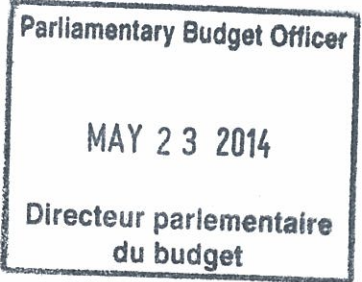




**Les Ponts Jacques Cartier et Champlain Incorporée**  
**The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated**

May 23, 2014



Without prejudice

**OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICER**  
MR. JEAN-DENIS FRÉCHETTE  
PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICER  
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RE : DOCUMENTS REQUESTED : « ANNUAL EXPENDITURES ON THE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE MAIN DECK REPLACEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 1989-1990 THROUGH 1995-1996 »  
YOUR FILE: IRO152  
OUR FILE: 2380-003

Sir,

This is further to your request IRO152 dated April 23, 2014 for the above described documents.

The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated ("the Corporation") is a parent Crown corporation as defined in section 83 of the *Financial Administration Act (FAA)*, named in Part 1 of Schedule III of the FAA. The Corporation is not a department within the meaning of any of paragraphs a), a.1) or d) of the definition "department" in section 2 of the FAA. Hence, the Corporation does not fall within section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* and is not subject to any obligation to provide the OPBO with the information requested.

Furthermore, we have carefully reviewed the principles regarding communications enumerated in the section of the *Communications Policy of the Government of Canada* ("the Policy") dealing with Application and Authority, and although the Policy does not apply to the Corporation for the same reasons as above-mentioned, we are satisfied that the Corporation's communication policies and practices are consistent with those principles. In addition, we are satisfied that the Corporation has furnished all relevant financial information with respect to its activities to governmental authorities and the public in accordance with its obligations in that regard.

In its concern for collaboration and transparency, the Corporation has agreed to voluntarily provide the OPBO with information relevant to its requests IRO144 and IRO151 which information had already been disclosed further to access to information requests pursuant to the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)*. However, the information requested IRO152 dates nearly twenty years and has never been disclosed further to access to information requests pursuant to the ATIA. Considering the above, the information requested will not be provided by the Corporation.

Yours truly,

Glen P. Carlin, Eng.  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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