



28 April 2015

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Information Request: IR0204

Dear Mr. Rochon:

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(d) 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 or committee of either a House or a joint committee of both Houses.

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:

1. Any cost estimates, actuarial studies, or fiscal projections pertaining to the government's plan to replace the current public sector sick leave regime with a short-term disability plan.
2. Details of how the associated costs and savings are being allocated (i.e., to a central fund, to the departments, etc.)

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 15 May 2015.


Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 15 May 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. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Erin Barkel can be contacted directly at <mailto:erin.barkel@parl.gc.ca>, 613-355-8467.

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 IR0204



Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

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1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0204			
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	15 May 2015 / 15 mai 2015			
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Erin Barkel, mailto:erin.barkel@parl.gc.ca , 613-355-8467			
4. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<p>1. Any cost estimates, actuarial studies, or fiscal projections pertaining to the government's plan to replace the current public sector sick leave regime with a short-term disability plan.</p> <p>2. Details of how the associated costs and savings are being allocated (i.e., to a central fund, to the departments, etc.)</p> <p>1. Toutes les estimations de coûts, études actuarielles et projections financières liées au plan du gouvernement visant à remplacer le régime public actuel de congés de maladie par un régime d'invalidité de courte durée.</p> <p>2. Des renseignements détaillés sur la façon dont les coûts et les économies sont affectés (c. à-d. à un fonds central, aux ministères, etc.)</p>			
5. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided / Communiquée	Go to the 7 th question / Passez à la 7 ^e question	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided / Non communiquée	Go to the next question. / Passé à la question suivante.
6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :	<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,</i> al. 79.3(2)a).		<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,</i> al. 79.3(2)b).	

	<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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Please return this completed reply form to: Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10 th Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9 Veillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à : Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9		