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The Honourable Catherine McKenna
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Information Request: IR0603

Dear Minister McKenna:

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 the breakdown of actual, committed, and planned funding of projects/programs being funded under the Investing in Canada Plan profile using, if possible, the attached MS Excel Investing in Canada Plan IR0603 Template.

Please return the completed MS Excel Investing in Canada Plan IR0603 Template to the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer in electronic format no later than **July 26, 2021** in order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your deputy minister as soon as possible.

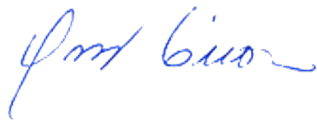
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Nora Nahornick can be contacted directly at Nora.Nahornick@parl.gc.ca, 613-294-1763.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by July 26, 2021, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your deputy minister 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

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Kelly Gillis, Deputy Minister, Infrastructure Canada

Attachments: 1. Reply form for IR0603
2. Investing in Canada Plan IR0603 Template