



September 28, 2010

Mr. Michael Horgan  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Finance Canada  
140 O'Connor Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0G5

**Re: PBO Information Request 035**

Dear Mr. Horgan:

I would first like to thank you for your letter of September 13, 2010 in which you provided summaries of the Department's surveys of private sector forecasters that I had requested. This information has indeed been useful and I appreciate that this information was posted on your Department's Web site for public use.

I would like to request the summary of the Department of Finance's September 2010 survey of private sector forecasters. This information will be used to provide our independent analysis on trends in the national economy and the state of the nation's finances. To assist us in briefing parliamentarians in a timely manner, I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide this information by October 6, 2010.

As you may recall, Section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* entitles the Parliamentary Budget Officer to free and timely access to any financial or economic data in the possession of the department that are required for the performance of his or her mandate.


Further, as per the PBO's Information Protocol (see <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/sites/pbo-dpb/documents/Information%20Protocol.pdf>), which was developed in consultation with PCO, if a department determines that it will be unable to accommodate the PBO's information request, it should inform the PBO and PCO-LSMP of this decision as soon as possible, but not later than the delivery date specified in the original information request.

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I would be grateful if you could notify me as soon as possible if you are unable to meet the request deadline of October 6, 2010.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

**c.c.:** Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy



### PBO Information Request

<b>1) Request Number:</b>	035
<b>2) PBO Contact Name:</b>	Chris Matier (613-995-9804 or matiec@parl.gc.ca)
<b>3) Type of Request:</b>	Recurrent
<b>4) PBO Objective:</b>	To assess the implications of the Department's updated private sector economic outlook economic on the Government's fiscal position.
<b>5) Relation to Mandate:</b>	To provide independent analysis on trends in the national economy and state of the nation's finances.
<b>6) Information and Data Requested:</b>	Summary of data collected by the Department of Finance as part of its September 2010 survey of private sector forecasters
<b>7) Priority:</b>	Normal (5 working days for easily accessible data)
<b>8) Date Request Sent:</b>	September 28, 2010
<b>9) Response Required By:</b>	October 6, 2010