



December 17, 2012

Mr. Bill Jones
Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Acting as Commissioner of Revenue
Office of the Commissioner
555 MacKenzie Avenue, 7th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L5

Re: PBO Information Request IR0099: Tax Gap Estimates

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing to request information and data from the Canada Revenue Agency regarding an estimate of the Canadian federal "Tax Gap", as defined in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD's) publication *Tax Administration in OECD and Selected Non-OECD Countries*. This publication can be found at <http://www.oecd.org/tax/taxadministration/42012907.pdf>.

As well, any details regarding the composition of the federal "Tax Gap" would also be appreciated. An example of this type of detail is presented in the Internal Revenue Service's "Tax Gap Map", published at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/newsroom/tax_gap_map_2006.pdf.

Any information or data you share will be used by my staff to respond to a request from a parliamentarian regarding tax evasion in Canada.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any further clarification is required.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Page".

Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for
Macroeconomic Policy
Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister of Finance Canada



PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0099
PBO CONTACT NAME: Jason Jacques (613-853-1596 or jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca)
TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time
PRIORITY: Normal
DATE REQUEST SENT: December 17, 2012
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: January 7, 2013

PBO OBJECTIVE: To fulfill a request from a parliamentarian regarding the cost of federal tax evasion.

RELATION TO MANDATE: Pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the PBO may request of a deputy head any financial or economic data in the possession of the department that are required for the performance of his or her mandate.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

Information provided on page 1 of the letter