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Information Request: IR0171

Dear Mr. Fadden:

Thank you for your letter of 7 November 2014 in response to our Information Request IR0171.

In reviewing the correspondence sent to you, it is clear that there had been an inadvertent administrative error in generating the initial request letter sent on 20 October 2014.

As the information is clearly not financial or economic data, the request should not have been made under s. 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* but rather as consistent with the Communications Policy of the Government of Canada.

As you will no doubt be aware, for the PBO to carry out the broad mandate with which he is tasked under s. 79.2 of the *Act*, more information is required than merely financial or economic data. It is for this reason the PBO requests such additional information from government departments in accordance with the Communications Policy.

Accordingly, I would be very grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible whether this requested information might be provided to me and my staff.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jean-Denis Fréchette'.

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer