



September 19, 2013

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

Re: PBO Information Request IR0130: Cost Estimate of Bill C-201: *An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (travel and accommodation deduction for tradespersons)*

Dear Mr. Horgan:

In September 2011, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance passed a motion requesting that the Parliamentary Budget Officer prepare a cost estimate of each private member's bill.

To fulfill this requirement, I am requesting that your department share:

- The analytical framework used to prepare a cost estimate of this proposed legislative amendment, or similar proposals;
- The supporting data used to prepare any cost estimates; and,
- A description of the key underlying assumptions used to prepare any cost estimates.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff if any further clarification is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jean-Denis Fréchette'.

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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



PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0130

PBO CONTACT NAME: Jason Jacques (613-853-1596) or jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca

TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time

PRIORITY: Normal

DATE REQUEST SENT: September 19, 2013

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: October 4, 2013

PBO OBJECTIVE:

To provide an independent cost estimate of Bill C-201

RELATION TO MANDATE:

Pursuant to s. 79.2 of the Parliament of Canada Act, to estimate the financial cost of a proposal over which Parliament has jurisdiction.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

As set out in body of letter.