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Information Request: IR0159

Dear Ms. d'Auray:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates of the government, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out its mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by government departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy."

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, you provide access to the following information:

- Final Public Accounts data (Vol. II), detailing departmental authorities available and used breakdowns by department for the most recent four fiscal years. I also ask that this information be made available to my office for future years, when available.
- Please provide information by Programs as shown in Volume II of the Public Accounts of Canada for each department for the last 4 fiscal years (Form B), with respective line codes corresponding to the Government-Wide Activity Code (GWAC) wherever possible.
- As is now the case with our previous request, we understand that you will continue to exclude the detailed financial data for the legislative branch entities (i.e. House of Commons, Senate,

Library of Parliament, Office of Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and that this information will be a summary total only.

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 16 July 2014.

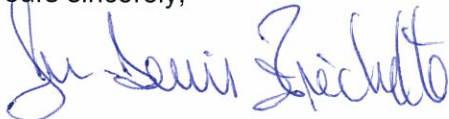
Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 16 July 2014, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

Your response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". Could you please attach the requested information separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Trevor Shaw can be contacted directly at (<mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca>) or at 613-698-6568.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons is the PBO's primary objective. 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,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy
Mr. Bill Matthews, Assistant Secretary,
Expenditure Management, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
Mr. Alfred MacLeod, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Works and Government Services
Canada Policy, Planning and Communications Branch

Attachment: Reply form for IR0159



Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

8 July 2014 / 8 juillet 2014

Public Works and Government Services Canada / Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada

1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0159
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	16 July 2014 / 16 juillet 2014
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Trevor Shaw (mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca) 613-698-6568
4. Information requested: /	<p>Final Public Accounts data (Vol. II), detailing departmental authorities available and used breakdowns by department for the most recent four fiscal years. I also ask that this information be made available to my office for future years, when available. 2014</p> <p>Please provide information by Programs as shown in Volume II of the Public Accounts of Canada for each department for the last 4 fiscal years (Form B), with respective line codes corresponding to the Government-Wide Activity Code (GWAC) wherever possible.</p> <p>As is now the case with our previous request, we understand that you will continue to exclude the detailed financial data for the legislative branch entities (i.e. House of Commons, Senate, Library of Parliament, Office of Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and that this information will be a summary total only.</p>
Information demandée :	<p>Données des Comptes publics définitifs (vol. II), détaillant les autorités ministérielles existantes et utilisées pour chaque ministère et pour chacun des quatre derniers exercices. Je souhaite également que cette information soit, à l'avenir, remise à mon bureau pour chaque exercice dès qu'elle est disponible.</p> <p>Veuillez me fournir l'information disponible pour chaque programme, telle qu'elle figure dans le volume II des Comptes publics du Canada, pour chaque ministère et pour chacun des quatre derniers exercices (formulaire B), accompagnée, lorsque cela est possible, de son code de ligne respectif selon code d'activité à l'échelle de l'administration fédérale (CAEAF).</p> <p>Comme c'est désormais le cas pour notre précédente demande, nous comprenons que vous continuerez d'exclure l'information financière détaillée relative aux entités de l'organe législatif (à savoir la Chambre des communes, le Sénat, la Bibliothèque du Parlement, le Commissariat aux conflits d'intérêts et à l'éthique, ainsi que le conseiller sénatorial en éthique) pour lesquelles cette information ne sera fournie que sous la forme de total récapitulatif.</p>

5. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided / Communiquée	Go to the 7 th question / Passez à la 7 ^e question	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided / Non communiquée	Go to the next question. / Passé à la question suivante.
6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :	<input type="checkbox"/> It is personal information "the disclosure of which is restricted under section 19 of the Access to Information Act or any provision set out in Schedule II to that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(a). /</i> Il s'agit de renseignements personnels « dont la communication est restreinte en vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> ou d'une disposition figurant à l'annexe II de cette loi ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)a).</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> It is "contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada described in subsection 69(1) of that Act and is not contained in any other record, within the meaning of section 3 of that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(b). /</i> Les données sont « contenues dans les documents confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada visés au paragraphe 69(1) de cette loi » et elles ne sont pas contenues dans d'autres documents au sens de l'article 3 de cette loi. <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)b).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "financial or economic" data. <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1). /</i> Il ne s'agit pas de données « financières ou économiques ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "data." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1). /</i> Il ne s'agit pas de « données ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not required for "the performance of [the PBO's] mandate." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1) /</i> Les données ne sont pas « nécessaires à l'exercice [du mandat du DPB] ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide explanation)./ Autre (veuillez préciser)	
7. Do you consent to the public disclosure of the information? / Consentez-vous à ce que les renseignements soient divulgués publiquement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / Oui		<input type="checkbox"/> No / Non	

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<p>Please return this completed reply form to:</p>		<p>Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10th Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9</p>	
<p>Veillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à :</p>		<p>Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9</p>	