



July 19, 2012

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

Re: PBO Information Request IR0086

Dear Mr. ^{Michael}Horgan:

I would like to request the summary of the Department of Finance's June 2012 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. In order to undertake our analysis in a timely manner, I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide this information by July 26, 2012.

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.

I would be grateful if you could notify me as soon as possible if you are unable to meet the request deadline of July 26, 2012.

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

Yours truly,


Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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



PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	IR0086
2) PBO Contact Name:	Chris Matier (613-995-9804 or Chris.Matier@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	Recurrent
4) PBO Objective:	To assess the implications of the Department of Finance's updated private sector economic outlook on the Government's fiscal position.
5) Relation to Mandate:	To provide independent analysis on trends in the national economy and state of the nation's finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Summary of data collected by the Department of Finance as part of its June 2012 survey of private sector forecasters.
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	July 19, 2012
9) Response Required By:	July 26, 2012