



June 8, 2011

Mr. Michael Horgan
Deputy Minister
Finance Canada
140 O'Connor Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0T6

Re: PBO Information Request IR0048

Dear Mr. Horgan: *Michael*

I would like to request the data and information underpinning the estimated savings arising from the Government of Canada's *Operating Budget Freeze*, which was announced in Budget 2010. In particular, I would like:

- A list of all federal organizations impacted by the operating budget freeze in the previous and current fiscal year;
- The corresponding financial impact on each organization identified above, for 2010-11 and 2011-12, compared to the baseline (*i.e.* budgeted operating expenses for 2009-10); and
- A list of the types of operating expenses being frozen for each federal organization, either identified by standing object, program activity or other basis of presentation used in the Public Accounts of Canada and Main Estimates of the Government of Canada.

These data will be used to support our ongoing efforts to monitor the implementation of the Government's restraint efforts, as well as inform our fiscal forecast.

Thank you for your continued help and support. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

Yours truly,

Kevin Page

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Parliamentary Budget Officer

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

PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	IR0048
2) PBO Contact Name:	Jason Jacques (613-995-3315 or (jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	One-time
4) PBO Objective:	To analyze the impact of austerity initiatives on federal program spending.
5) Relation to Mandate:	The PBO is mandated to analyse the state of the nation's finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Data and information pertaining to the operating budget freeze announced in Budget 2010.
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	June 8, 2011
9) Response Requested By:	June 15, 2011