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Mr. Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Page:

I am pleased to respond to your July 28, 2010, request to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) on the costing methodology for, and analysis of, Private Members' bills C-280, C-308 and C-395.

Please find HRSDC's response attached, following the approach agreed upon at the August 19, 2010, meeting between HRSDC and Parliamentary Budget Office officials. HRSDC is providing the following with respect to each bill:


1. a description of the Bill;
2. information on any underlying assumptions made in interpreting and costing the Bill's proposed amendments;
3. the estimated numbers of persons affected by and the financial costs of the proposed amendments; and
4. a description of the methodology used in estimating the impact (persons and costs) of the proposed amendments and, where possible, supporting data and information.

With respect to details for this response, the contacts at HRSDC are Mr. Louis Beauséjour, Director General of Employment Insurance Policy, 819-997-8622, and Mr. Jay Wakelin, Director of Quantitative Analysis and Program Assessment, 819-953-8030.

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I trust you will find this information helpful in meeting your needs.

Yours sincerely,



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