



July 28, 2010

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**Re: PBO Information Request 033**

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Dear Mr. Shugart and Ms. Forand:

The Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) has been requested by several Parliamentarians to prepare a cost estimate of three private members' bills:

1. Bill C-280: *An Act to Amend the Employment Insurance Act (qualification for and entitlement to benefits)*
2. Bill C-308: *An Act to Amend the Employment Insurance Act (improvement of employment insurance system)*
3. Bill C-395: *An Act to Amend the Employment Insurance Act (labour dispute)*

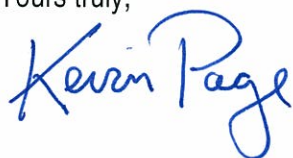
To fulfill this request, the PBO requires the following information from HRSDC:

- Any cost estimates of Bill C-280, Bill C-308 and Bill C-395, including:
  - The analytical framework used to prepare any cost estimates of the aforementioned private members' bills;
  - Supporting data used to construct the estimate (if individual-level data is provided, confidentiality will be respected);
  - A description of the key underlying assumptions used to construct the estimate (*e.g.*, number of newly-eligible EI recipients under the new program parameters, the distribution of unemployment over the time period in question, the anticipated level and duration of EI receipts, *etc.*);
  - Any additional analysis undertaken by HRSDC officials to construct the estimate that may be relevant (*e.g.*, behavioural impacts associated with proposed changes).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

We would be grateful to meet in person with the individuals involved in the preparation of the government's estimates. PBO officials are available at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Page". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "K" and "P".

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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:	033
2) PBO Contact Name:	Mostafa Askari (613-992-8045 and <a href="mailto:askarm@parl.gc.ca">askarm@parl.gc.ca</a> ) or Russell Barnett (613-995-4840 and <a href="mailto:barner@parl.gc.ca">barner@parl.gc.ca</a> )
3) Type of Request:	One-time.
4) PBO Objective:	To prepare a cost estimate for a parliamentarian.
5) Relation to Mandate:	Pursuant to section 79.2(d) of the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> , the PBO is mandated to prepare cost estimates when requested by parliamentarians.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Details provided on page 1 of the letter
7) Priority:	High
8) Date Request Sent:	July 28, 2010
9) Response Requested By:	August 5, 2010