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Hon. Marco E. L. Mendicino,  
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Information Request: IR0612

Dear Minister Mendicino:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other government documents, and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to paragraph 79.2(1)(f) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a member of the Senate or of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting the following information under Bill C-83 (42nd Parliament, 1st session), *An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act and another Act* (the Act), for 2019-20 and 2020-21. This information request is an extension of a previous request, IR0596.

- Information provided in IR0596, broken down by facility.
- A breakdown of incremental health care costs, by spending area. This includes but is not limited to: mental health and psychiatric services, treatment centers, intake, enhanced primary care, and 24/7 nursing and patient advocates. Please also include any other appropriate health spending categories under the Act that were not listed.
- A breakdown of infrastructure spending, by type of infrastructure. This includes but is not limited to: body scanners, infrastructure related directly to structured intervention units (SIUs) (new cells/layouts/configurations), and infrastructure that supports the operation of SIUs (interior recreation rooms, common rooms, program rooms, yards, interview rooms, electronic cell controls, observation cells). Please also include any other appropriate infrastructure spending categories under the Act that were not listed.
- Information on the inmate population in SIUs. This should include the daily inmate population in SIUs by facility, and the annual total number of inmates that have entered an SIU, by facility.

- Average number of days an inmate spends in SIUs, by facility.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **January 3rd, 2022**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or the deputy minister as soon as possible.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Jamie Forsyth can be contacted directly at [Jamie.Forsyth@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Jamie.Forsyth@parl.gc.ca), 613-295-2908.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by January 3rd, 2022, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or the deputy minister must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

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

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. 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,

Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

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Rob Stewart, Deputy Minister, Public Safety Canada

Mrs. Anne Kelly, Commissioner, Correctional Service Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0612