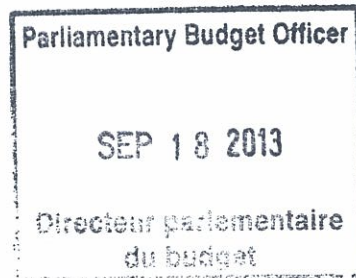




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Re: PBO Information Request IR0128: Cost of implementing a new estimates reporting and control model

Dear Mr. Fréchette:

On August 20, 2013, Ms. Sonia L'Heureux, acting Parliamentary Budget Officer, requested the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) provide an estimate of the cost to process a Treasury Board submission for authority transfers and an estimate of the cost of the financial management function.

ACOA currently does not have any data regarding the cost to process a Treasury Board submission and is therefore not in a position to provide the requested data to your office.

The overall cost of the financial management function within ACOA is estimated at \$3.1 million for 2013-2014. Please note that this cost relates to the full cost of the financial management function as defined per Management Accountability Framework Area of Management 7 and is not particularly related to the cost of implementing the new estimates and voting structure. The data is taken from the Agency's financial management system and assumes a steady-state level of activity. Methodology includes a comparison of budget activity for 2013-2014 compared to the cost of this activity for 2012-2013.

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In an effort to assist you with your analysis, I am providing your office with the incremental costing analysis prepared by ACOA in response to the original Office of the Comptroller General request concerning the cost of implementing the new estimates and voting structure to permit Parliament to vote on supply at the Strategic Outcome and/or Program Activity level (see Annex A).

Do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kent Estabrooks, Chief Financial Officer, at 506-851-6438, if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. LeBlanc", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul J. LeBlanc

Attachment

c.c.: Mr. Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office