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Information Request: IR0217

Dear Mr. Rochon:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates of the government, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out its mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by government departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy."

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, you provide access to the following information:

- Budget 2016 financial data. Specifically: the 6-year totals for each of the Budget themes (that is, 2015-16 to 2020-21); and, the detailed impact of budget measures across all revenue, expense and public debt interest components of the medium-term forecast (that is, 2015-16 to 2020-21).
- The PBO will use these data to prepare the following reconciliation table and publish it for parliamentarians.

## Fiscal Outlook With Measures

billions of dollars

	Projection					
	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021
<b>Revised status quo budgetary balance (before budget measures)</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-15.9</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
<b>February 2016 Canadian Economic Outlook measures</b>						
Middle class tax cut and other tax measures announced in December	-0.4	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3
Alberta stabilization	-0.3	0	0	0	0	0
Syrian refugees	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0	0	0
Pratt & Whitney Canada repayment (net cost)	1.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Reversal of sick leave savings	-0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Whole-of-government strategy in Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon	0	-0.5	-0.5	0	0	0
Canada Summer Jobs Program	0	-0.1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>Budget 2016 measures</b>						
Help for the Middle Class	0.5	-3.6	-3.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Growth for the Middle Class	0.0	-4.2	-6.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
A Better Future for Indigenous Peoples	0.0	-1.3	-1.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
A Clean Growth Economy	0.0	-0.1	-1.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
An Inclusive and Fair Canada	-3.7	-1.2	-1.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Canada in the World	0.2	-0.3	1.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Open and Transparent Government	0.0	-0.4	-0.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tax Fairness and a Strong Financial Sector	0.0	0.1	0.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>PDC on budget 2016 measures</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Budgetary balance (after measures)</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>-29.0</b>	<b>-22.8</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>-14.3</b>

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> A negative number implies a deterioration in the budgetary balance (lower revenues or higher spending).

A positive number implies an improvement in the budgetary balance (higher revenues or lower spending).

We would like to publish the above complete reconciliation table next week by including it in a report to parliamentarians on Budget 2016.

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 5 April 2016 at noon. If we do not hear back from you by that date, we may consider your non-response a deemed refusal and, accordingly, report it to our named committees as instructed.

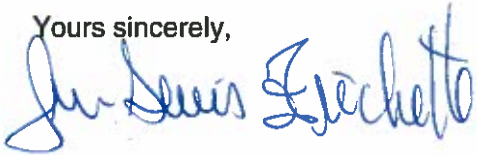
Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 5 April 2016 at noon, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

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

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Jason Jacques can be contacted directly at <mailto:jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca>, 613-853-1596.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons is the PBO's primary objective. 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,



Jean-Denis Fréchette  
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,  
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Attachment: Reply form for IR0217



## Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

1 April 2016 - Finance Canada

1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0217			
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	5 April 2016 at noon			
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Jason Jacques, <a href="mailto:jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca">mailto:jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca</a> , 613-853-1596			
4. Information requested: /	<p>Budget 2016 financial data. Specifically: the 6-year totals for each of the Budget themes (that is, 2015-16 to 2020-21); and, the detailed impact of budget measures across all revenue, expense and public debt interest components of the medium-term forecast (that is, 2015-16 to 2020-21).</p> <p>The PBO will use these data to prepare a reconciliation table and publish it for parliamentarians.</p>			
Information demandée :				
5. Information requested: / Information demandée :	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided / Communiquée	Go to the 7 <sup>th</sup> question / Passez à la 7 <sup>e</sup> question	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided / Non communiquée	Go to the next question. / Passé à la question suivante.
6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :	<input type="checkbox"/> It is personal information "the disclosure of which is restricted under section 19 of the Access to Information Act or any provision set out in Schedule II to that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(a).</i> /  Il s'agit de renseignements personnels « dont la communication est restreinte en vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> ou d'une disposition figurant à l'annexe II de cette loi ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)a.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> It is "contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada described in subsection 69(1) of that Act and is not contained in any other record, within the meaning of section 3 of that Act." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(2)(b).</i> /  Les données sont « contenues dans les documents confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada visés au paragraphe 69(1) de cette loi » et elles ne sont pas contenues dans d'autres documents au sens de l'article 3 de cette loi. <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.3(2)b.</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "financial or economic" data. <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1).</i> /  Il ne s'agit pas de données « financières ou économiques ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> It is not "data." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1).</i> /  Il ne s'agit pas de « données ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	

	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not required for "the performance of [the PBO's] mandate." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.3(1) /</i>  Les données ne sont pas « nécessaires à l'exercice [du mandat du DPB] ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide explanation)./ Autre (veuillez préciser)
7. Do you consent to the public disclosure of the information? / Consentez-vous à ce que les renseignements soient divulgués publiquement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / Oui	<input type="checkbox"/> No / Non
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Title: / Titre :	Click here to enter text.	
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Please return this completed reply form to:           Veuillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à :	Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9  Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9	