



November 7, 2011

Ms. Michelle d'Auray
Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada
Treasury Board of Canada
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Dear Ms. d'Auray:

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Thank you for your correspondence of November 3, 2011, regarding the Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO's) Integrated Monitoring Database (IMD).

As you are aware, the IMD relies on two official data sources from the Government of Canada that are not modified by the PBO:

1. Authorities outlined in the Main and Supplementary Estimates documents.
2. Expenditures made against these authorities reported in the Central Financial Management Reporting System.

We accept your offer to improve the reconciliation between these two data sets.

We agree that additional contextual information is vital to the appropriate interpretation of Government expenditure data. This context is currently provided in the supporting documentation published on the PBO Web site. However, we will begin to adjust the IMD to incorporate it. I am also open to receiving any further suggestions you may have.

I look forward to working with you on the common goal of enhancing parliamentarians' confidence and understanding of federal budgeting and expenditures.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Page".

Kevin Page
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