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Monitoring the Budget 2012 Expenditure Review: *Update on Information Request 0080*

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The *Parliament of Canada Act* mandates the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) to provide independent analysis to the Senate and House of Commons on the state of the nation's finances, the government estimates and trends in the national economy.

Key Points of this Note:

- On April 12, 2012, the PBO issued *Information Request 0080* to all organizations affected by the spending reductions announced in Budget 2012.¹ The data will be used to support parliamentarians' consideration of the savings measures proposed in Budget 2012. Specifically, those aspects relating to planned allocation of savings on departmental program activities, personnel reductions, and service level impacts.
- As of May 4, 2012, 8 departments have responded to the PBO's request.² Although this represents 9.64% of departments implicated in Budget 2012 savings measures, the responding departments are small and therefore this figure only represents 0.6% of the total savings measures and 0.61% of planned personnel reductions.
- Alongside this note, the PBO is reissuing *Information Request 0080* with a specified response date of May 23, 2012. The PBO will continue to keep parliamentarians informed of the responses received to this information request. Analysis of these data will be presented in the coming weeks.

	Reported	Budget Total	Per cent of Budget 2012
Departments	8	83 ³	9.64%
Savings Measures	\$29.9M	\$5.2B	0.6%
Personnel Reductions	116.7	19,200	0.61%

¹ Information Request 0080 can be found on the PBO's Web site (http://www.parl.gc.ca/PBO-DPB/documents/InformationRequests/Requests/IR0080_letter_EN.pdf).

² The response status of each department named in the request is provided in Annex I.

³ The Assisted Human Reproduction Agency of Canada (AHRAC), National Round Table on Energy and the Environment (NRTEE), and the National Council of Welfare were excluded from this information request as it was widely reported that their savings measures represented the entirety of these organizations' operating budgets.

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Annex I: Responses to Information Request 0080

 No

 Yes

<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Response Received?</u> <u>(Date)</u>
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	
Auditor General of Canada	
Canada Agricultural Review Tribunal	
Canada Border Services Agency	
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	
Canada Revenue Agency	
Canada School of Public Service	
Canadian Air Transport Security Authority	
Canadian Dairy Commission	
Canadian Food Inspection Agency	
Canadian Heritage	
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	
Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat	
Canadian International Development Agency	
Canadian International Trade Tribunal	
Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency	
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission	27-Apr-12
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission	
Canadian Security Intelligence Service	

Canadian Space Agency	
Canadian Tourism Commission	
CBC/Radio-Canada	
Citizenship and Immigration Canada	
Correctional Service Canada	
Courts Administration Service	
Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec	
Elections Canada	
Environment Canada	
Farm Products Council of Canada	
Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario	
Finance Canada	
Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada	
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	
Foreign Affairs	
Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission	
Health Canada	
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada	
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (Labour)	
Immigration and Refugee Board	
Industry Canada	

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International Development Research Centre ^[Errata]	27-Apr-12	Privacy Commissioner of Canada	
International Trade		Privy Council Office	
Justice Canada		Public Health Agency of Canada	
Library and Archives Canada		Public Prosecutions Service of Canada	
Marine Atlantic Inc.		Public Safety Canada	
National Arts Centre		Public Service Commission	
National Capital Commission	25-Apr-12	Public Works and Government Services Canada	
National Defence		Royal Canadian Mounted Police	
National Film Board of Canada		Shared Services Canada	
National Parole Board		Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	
National Research Council of Canada ^[Errata]		Statistics Canada	
Natural Resources Canada		Telefilm Canada	
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada		The Jacques-Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated	25-Apr-12
Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying		The National Battlefields Commission	25-Apr-12
Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner		Transport Canada	
Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada		Transportation Safety Board of Canada	26-Apr-12
Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner of Canada	24-Apr-12	Treasury Board Secretariat	
Parks Canada		Veterans Affairs Canada	
Patented Medicine Prices Review Board	24-Apr-12	VIA Rail Canada Inc.	
PPP Canada Inc.		Western Economic Diversification Canada	

^{Errata} Response received from the International Development Research Centre on April 27, 2012. The National Research Council has not yet responded. Aggregate data presented in the summary box remain unchanged.