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Dear Mr. Page:

I want to thank you very much for the analysis you have recently provided in your report entitled, "Budget 2012: Monitoring Framework Update".

Despite this very important contribution, much analysis remains to be provided. In order for parliamentarians to do their job of voting supply and holding the government to account, they need adequate analyses of the Estimates. These analyses include the fiscal risks and consequences posed by the cuts outlined in Budget 2012. As such, I require your analyses as to:

- whether the savings that are outlined in Budget 2012 are achievable or likely to be achieved. (This will, of course, require you to analyse, as a condition precedent, how these savings are proposed to be achieved, i.e. by "efficiencies" or actual reductions in services to Canadians.); and,
- whether and the extent to which the failure to achieve them would result in fiscal consequences in the longer term (e.g. deferred capital maintenance resulting in the requirement to replace an asset).

These analyses are among the major reasons your office was created. As such, I would be very grateful if you provided them to the House and the Senate as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Mulcair".

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