

# FW: FAO's Upcoming EFO Report

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Hi there -

Attached is the draft of the FAO's post-budget economic and fiscal outlook (PW: FAO1616).

Selena in Office of the Budget will be coordinating review across the divisions.

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-----Original Message-----

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Edward Crummey; Luan Ngo; Mario Angastiniotis; Nicolas Rhodes

Subject: RE: FAO's Upcoming EFO Report

Good Morning,

Please find attached drafts of the Economic Outlook and Fiscal Outlook chapters from the FAO's upcoming 'Economic and Fiscal Outlook' report.

The chapters are password protected using the same password as in the past.

The FAO's fiscal forecast incorporates the tax revenue adjustments that we received on Friday afternoon -- and which brings our short-term forecast much closer the Budget 2017 forecast.

Unfortunately, we are on a very tight schedule to enable us to release this report at the end of the May.

So, we are asking for your comments/concerns including any potential cabinet confidentiality issues by end of day tomorrow (Tuesday, May 9)

Thanks again for your support and assistance.

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Subject: FAO's Upcoming EFO Report

Hello,

Thanks again for our meeting on Tuesday. We appreciate the information you have provided as well as the responses to our questions at the meeting.

On Monday morning (as early as possible) we plan to provide you with draft copies of the Economic Outlook and Fiscal Outlook chapters (including Forecast Tables) from the FAO's upcoming EFO report.

We would hope you would be able to provide us with any comments or concerns on these chapters by Tuesday (May 9), end of day.

As in the past, the FAO will provide a final copy of the report 48 hours prior to release to both Ministers. I would email you a copy at the same time.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Re: Follow-Up on the 2017 Budget

Thanks David,

We're working on pulling together the various information pieces and people for a meeting Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm, so will be in touch to confirm.

As in past approaches, we won't be able to have everything for you on Tuesday but will be able to provide a downpayment for sure.

Have a great weekend

Tim

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Subject: RE: Follow-Up on the 2017 Budget

As promised, please find attached more detailed questions.

Please confirm when we can meet early next week.

Thanks  
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Subject: Follow-Up on the 2017 Budget

Good Morning!

Congratulations on delivering yesterday's big, black budget!

I wanted to follow-up on the FAO's requests for some additional information.

First, as we have discussed, we have three requests for specific data/tables:

1. We would like to obtain the detailed revenue and expense tables (Tables 6.14 and 6.15) extended to 2019-20.
  - Are these detailed tables available to 2020-21? If so, then please include (:)])
2. As staff have been discussing, we would like to obtain more detailed information on the one-time adjustments to taxation revenues beginning in 2015-16 and extending over the forecast. This is basically additional information to that provided in tables 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9.
3. As detailed in the letter and background documents sent to Deputies Thompson and Angus on April 3, we are requesting pension expense and employer contribution details for the OTPP and OPSEUPP.

We would also appreciate a meeting early next week (preferably Tuesday afternoon) to allow you to respond to a number of questions that we have with regard to the 2017 Budget.

We'll provide a list of specific questions later this afternoon, but these questions will cover a number of areas, including:

- Clarification on where the Fair Hydro Plan appears in the expenses
- Additional details/clarification on new health spending, including the new pharmacare plan
- Clarification on future assumptions for asset sales and any details behind the 'Sales and Rentals' line in the detailed Revenue table.
- Clarification on the assumptions behind new federal funding announced in the 2017 federal budget (e.g. affordable housing, child care, home care)
- Some background on the decision to reduce the estimate of 'Carbon Allowance Proceeds' and assumptions on associated expense
- Additional details/clarification on new infrastructure spending
- Assumptions behind the plan to reduce net debt-to-GDP to 35% and eventually to 27%.

We'll provide a list later this afternoon that expands somewhat on these question topics.

Happy to discuss any of these requests.

Thanks again for your support,  
David

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