

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**  
**FY 2008-09 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 14, 2007  
9:00 - 12:00 a.m.

**Introductions and Opening Comments**

**Common Questions**

**Departmental Goals and Objectives**

1. What are your department's principal goals and objectives? What are the metrics by which you measure success or failure?
2. Given the change in the Administration, have there been any changes to your department's principal goals and objectives since last year?
3. What progress did you make during the last year in achieving your goals?
4. How is the additional money provided to your department in FY 2007-08 being used to achieve your goals? What improvements is your department making in its outputs?
5. Please identify your department's 3 most effective programs and your 3 least effective programs. Explain why you identified them as such. Explain how your most effective programs further the department's goals.
6. Are there programs that your department is required to perform that do not further your department's goals or have outlived their usefulness? If so, what are they and by whom are they required? Why don't they further your department's goals?

**Costs and savings from complying with specific bills and orders**

7. What are your department's anticipated costs, anticipated savings, and potential benefits from complying with Executive Order D 028 07, Authorizing Partnership Agreements with State Employees?
8. Provide an estimate of the costs your department will incur in FY 2007-08 in carrying out the provisions of H.B. 06S-1023. Provide an estimate of your department's savings in FY 2007-08 as a result of not providing services to individuals who are in the country illegally.

**State Legal Costs**

9. What are the principal factors behind the increases in state legal expenditures? What are the specific cost drivers for the four biggest users of legal services, Regulatory Agencies, Natural Resources, Personnel, and Public Health?
10. What can be done to reduce the rate of growth of expenditures for legal services?
11. Could legal-services expenditures be reduced by soliciting bids and contracting out legal work?
12. Should attorneys be placed in departments or should attorneys in the AG's office be assigned to specific departments?
13. From the Department of Law's perspective, how well has the Department of Regulatory Agencies' Expedited Settlement Process worked? Has the program created any problems? Produced benefits? Should similar programs be encouraged?
14. What can be done to reduce the cost of legal services associated with new legislation?

#### **Decision Item 2: Security for the Attorney General's Office**

15. Please explain the need for the Department's security decision item.

#### **Decision Item # 3: Accountant III for Administration**

16. Please explain the need for an additional accounting FTE. Please document the increased demands upon your department's accounting staff, addressing the increased number and, if possible, the increased complexity of the transactions your accountants must deal with. If transactions are more complex, what has been the source of the increasing complexity? Has the increased use of computers made accountants more productive?

#### **Master Settlement Agreement**

17. Please provide an update on the dispute between the states and the tobacco companies concerning the non participating manufacturers. Does the department believe we are in compliance with the Master Settlement Agreement? Are we adequately enforcing our obligations relating to non participating manufacturers? Are we doing everything that we should to eliminate contraband cigarette sales, including those that may occur on the internet or through Indian reservations? Is Colorado doing anything that could jeopardize the MSA as a funding source? Should we be doing more?

#### **Capital crimes prosecution unit**

18. Does the department keep track in some way of what the private sector would call billable hours? What cases is the department working? In which districts? What is the status of those cases? Does this program violate statute since there is no statutory authority for this unit?