

AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Budget Hearing

**Tuesday December 11, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

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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.

Executive Director's Office and Army National Guard

9. Has the Department looked into funding and performing the maintenance backlogs as controlled maintenance as opposed to regular operating maintenance, funded by the General Fund?

Western Slope Veterans Cemetery

10. What would happen if the State failed to operate the Western Slope Veterans Cemetery? Would the federal government take over operations. Would it be more economically beneficial to repay the \$6.1 million cost of building the cemetery and let the federal government take over the operation of the cemetery? Does the federal government pay the full costs of operations and maintenance of the Fort Logan Cemetery?

Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund

11. Given the level of claims being made by veterans, what level of funding does the State need in the Veterans Trust Fund to cover the needs of veterans in the State? What are the ramifications to the veteran community if the funding is insufficient to cover their needs?