

**DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR
FY 2009-10 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

1:30-2:10 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

2:10-2:30 QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

1. What are your department's three top goals for the current year? How will they be achieved?
2. How do your requested decision items tie to your goals?
3. Could your department shift to a four day work week that begins on Wednesday and ends on Saturday? If not, why not? If only a portion of the department can go to a four day week, what portion can and what portion cannot and why?
4. Has your department been able to fill new or vacant positions? Can your department quantify the benefits it has seen as a result of adding additional FTE or filling vacant positions?
5. What is the status of your department's implementation of S.B.08-155, Centralize IT Management in OIT? Is your department experiencing any difficulties?
6. How many employees, especially among upper management, are assigned a state vehicle for them to use to travel between home and work? How many state vehicles does your department use to transport staff? Would it be more cost effective to reimburse employees for using their personal vehicles for these purposes?

2:30-3:00 GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE

These questions were asked in the context of the Governor's Energy Office decision item regarding future funding of FTE with General Fund dollars that would replace the federal funds previously used.

7. Were the FTE GEO added without the General Assembly's advice or consent? Why should the General Assembly continue funding this? What were the number of FTE under the Owens administration and what is it under the Ritter administration?
8. What is the long term pro forma plan for the Governor's Energy Office? Do they have a business plan? Please provide a history of the state's PVE funds received and expended. Why is the settlement coming to an end? Are there still petroleum violations?

9. Are there other avenues than General Fund, such as Severance Tax, that could be used for this purpose?
10. How long have these FTE been shown in the Long Bill? Why should the General Assembly assume responsibility for these FTE if the Governor's Office has not previously informed the Legislature of their existence?
11. Is there a list that we can get of all federal programs so that the JBC can estimate the size of the potential need in the event that the federal funds go away?

3:00-3:20 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The following questions were asked in the context of the Governor's Office of Information Technology decision item for increased funding to allow consolidation of staff into a single location.

12. What prompted the move to consolidate staff at this time?
13. Does the space need to be downtown? Could we lease space in a different area and get a lower lease rate?
14. Why is consolidation driving cost rather than decreasing cost? Do we get credits from vacating the previously occupied space? If so, how much credit?
15. What will happen to the 2nd Avenue space that is unusable due to the asbestos problems?

3:20-3:30 HOMELAND SECURITY AND DISASTER EMERGENCY

16. What is the status of the federal audit on the State's Homeland Security activities? Has the matter been closed? Was the state required to pay back any moneys?
17. Is the executive starting any Homeland Security initiatives that may require future funding with state dollars? Are there federally funded initiatives in other areas that may require future state funding?
18. Is there a balance in the disaster emergency fund? How does an event qualify for emergency funding?

ADDENDUM: OTHER QUESTIONS FOR WHICH SOLELY WRITTEN RESPONSES ARE REQUESTED

1. The expenses for consolidation of staff in the Governor's Office of Information Technology do not appear to have been addressed in the fiscal note for SB 08-155. Is the department aware of any other significant consolidation expenses that were not included in the fiscal note?