

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

**Monday, November 24, 2008
10:30 pm – 12:00 pm**

10:30-10:50 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

10:50-11:15 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?

11:15-11:30 DECISION ITEMS

Decision Item 1, Consolidation of the Special Prosecutions Unit

6. *[Staff-suggested]* Explain the benefits that the Department expects to derive from consolidation and comment on the Department's experience with consolidation during FY 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, the years when the program was consolidated.
7. *[Staff-suggested]* Why did the Department of Law exclude the Capital Crimes Prosecution Unit from its FY 2002-03 consolidation plan but include it in this plan? Would the Department want to proceed with Decision Item number 1 if the Capital Crimes Prosecution Unit was excluded from the consolidation?
8. *[Staff-suggested]* How will the Department assure that each funding agency receives an amount of investigatory and prosecutorial support commensurate with that agency's financial contribution to the combined unit?

Decision Item 2, FTE for the Special Prosecutions Unit

9. *[Rep. Marostica]* Of the 18 Article 4 murder cases that have been referred to Mexican Authorities, were any of the offenders illegally in the United States?

10. *[Sen. Pommer]* What happens if an Article 4 murder case is appealed within the Mexican judicial system? Would the Department of Law have to do anything?

Base Reduction Item 1, Reduction to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Appropriation

11. *[Sen. White]* Could the recovered dollars be used for the endangered species fund or to somehow help endangered species?

11:30-12:00 OTHER QUESTIONS

12. *[Rep. Pommer]* Why did HB 07-1054, Increase the Number of Judges, drive an increase in the number of attorneys in the Department's Appellate Unit?