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**Office of the Attorney General Responses to Rep. Nuccio's Requests for FY 27/28 Budget  
Appropriations Committee  
Friday, January 30, 2026**

Headcount Questions:

1. What is your current headcount?
  - a. Total headcount: **384 (Including funded and non-funded, appropriated and non-appropriated.)**
  - b. Of the total, how many are Funded headcount: **323**
  - c. Of the funded, how many Actual headcount: **305 General Fund; 61 other non-appropriated funds**
  - d. Open/vacancies headcount: **18**
    - i. Are these opens part-time or full-time resources? **Full-time**

\*These numbers should tie (example):

- a. Total headcount: 100
- b. Funded headcount: 90
- c. Actual headcount: 80
- d. Open headcount: 10
  - Full-time = 8
  - Part-time = 2

(Funded) 90 – (Actual) 80 = (Open) 10

2. Is there is change in headcount (either up or down) for this budget ask?

**Not applicable. Our request is to maintain our currently funded headcount.**

  - a. If there is a positive change in headcount, please explain what the positions are and what is driving the need for the positions
    - i. If these adds are legislatively driven, what piece of legislation is driving the increase?
    - ii. If they are not legislatively driven, please indicate which program is increasing if there is one
  - b. If there is a reduction, please explain what is driving the reduction
    - i. Are the positions being transferred to another area?



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3. Does this budget ask include the open/vacant positions above?

**Not applicable. Our request is to maintain our currently funded headcount.**

- a. If yes, how are they budgeted into your plan? (Please explain for all opens – if you have ten opens then explain for all ten)
  - i. Are these full time or part positions?
  - ii. What is the anticipated start date of your vacancies?

\*Please detail by number, for example: There are 10 open positions – 8 are full-time and 2 are part-time. We have built them into the budget as follows. 8 full-time positions are expected to be filled on 07/01 and 2 part-time positions are expected to be filled on 01/01

4. How many opens/vacancies did you have at the prior year end on 06/30/2025?

**24**

- a. How many vacancies did you start the prior year with (07/01/2024)?

**28**

5. How many people left throughout the year either via leaving, retiring, or transferring?

**22 (6 Retired, 16 Resigned)**

- a. How many new hires did you have in the same time period (07/01/24-06/30/25)?

**26**

\*For example-- all of these numbers should tie. Started 2023 with 20 vacancies, 2 left for retirement, hired 12. This should tie to your opens above –  $20+2-12=10$

6. What is the average salary of your open positions?

**\$71,942**

Lapse Questions: \*(please provide the numbers and not a link to the comptroller's report)

1. Were there any lapsing accounts on 06/30/2025?

- a. If yes, what were the accounts?

**Yes there were lapses at the end of FY 2025 in PS and OE.**

- b. If yes, what was the lapse balance?

**PS - Approximately \$3 million**

**OE - \$410,000 (We carried forward \$162,500 for data security and privacy-related projects.)**

- c. If yes, what drove the lapse?

**The amount lapsed is largely attributable to vacant positions related to retirements or judicial appointments that we were not able to fill right away, in part due to the statewide hiring freeze that was implemented in March 2025. Often the staff who retire or are elevated to the bench are making at or near the top of their pay scale and when we are able to refill, we do so at lower**



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**levels on the pay scale. We also budgeted for larger than necessary vacation payouts for retiring and separating employees.**

2. Please provide the starting Personnel Services budget number and the ending Personnel Services number. Please do not include any dollars that may have been moved via the FAC process. Just total non adjusted budgeted PS line item and total ending PS line item.  
**The starting PS number was 37,821,931 and ending amount was about \$3M. We would again note that almost all of our requests to fill vacancies between March and June of 2025 were denied due to the hiring freeze.**
3. Where there any dollars for new programs/legislation that did not kick off?  
**Yes**
  - a. If so what were the programs/legislation?  
**The Fiscal Year 2027 biennial budget provided funding of \$225,000 in FY 26 and \$295,000 in FY 27 to hire three employees to regulate the artificial intelligence market.**
  - b. What prevented implementation of the program?  
**Unanticipated litigation demands. We plan to implement this before the end of the current fiscal year.**
4. If there is a lapsing balance, do you anticipate it carrying forward?  
**We understand that OPM is targeting a lapse of \$3M in PS in the current fiscal year. We have not yet decided whether to request a carry forward.**
  - a. If yes, how do you propose to use that lapse?
  - b. Will it be for one-time expenses?
    - i. If so, what are those one-time expenses?
  - c. If ongoing expense is that expense built into this budget in FY 25?

ARPA Questions:

1. Are there still ARPA funds included in this budget?  
**No**
  - a. If yes, when will the funding be fully utilized

Audit Questions:



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1. Have you reviewed your agencies latest audit finding?

**Yes – For FY 22-23**

2. Have you implemented the recommendations with no fiscal impact?
  - a. If so, please provide explanation of what you have changed to meet audit expectations.

**There was one audit finding concerning internal controls and document management review. We have strengthened these functions with no fiscal impact.**

3. If your agency has a recommendation with a fiscal impact, do you know what that annualized impact is?

**N/A**

General Questions:

1. Is there anything you would change about this budget?

**We would like to maintain our existing funded headcount. We are not proposing any changes and have not yet seen the Governor's proposed budget.**

2. Is there anything you would add to this budget? **N/A**

3. Is there anything you would remove from this budget?

**N/A**

4. Is there any legislation that was passed you feel you are not adequately prepared to implement? **No**

- a. If so, what would we need to change to make it implementable?