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**Date:** 10/13/2017 12:51:47 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Message from BIZHUBC224

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Danny, please advise.

*Best Regards,*  
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**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 11:09 AM  
**To:** Catherine McNicoll  
**Subject:** RE: Message from BIZHUBC224

Catherine,

I do know the past administration brought their own water. I expect if it is discovered that water is being provided, staff here will want to be treated equally. I will try to find out the circumstances other entity provide water. Is to the staff or visitors. The issue becomes when the sole benefactor is the employee. This is why the Comptroller has put limits on amount employee can be given. If it meets the fringe benefit definition, it will have to be included in payroll like parking, dry cleaning, etc..

I will try my best to get a good answer today.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** Burton, Kenneth <krburton@aging.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Message from BIZHUBC224

Ken, Thank you, something else that I would add is that the only sinks that we have access to are the bathroom sink in our office and the statehouse bathroom sinks. I do not know whether the water is safe or not. I do know that even with the sinks that I have been told have filtration in the senate and the senate chambers, they still find water coolers necessary.

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Subject: RE: Message from BIZHUBC224

Catherine,

I am providing the information from the Comptroller General's Office:

Mr. Eckstrom purchases water out of his pocket for our staff and guests to have on occasion and at meetings. We typically bring our own water bottles. I have only seen agencies only provide water to staff if the water is not safe to drink or if deployed for some reason such as directing traffic in the heat.

*Jennifer Broughton*

I will continue to ask around because I do know that Constitutional Officer and Legislatures as well as Supreme Court has different standards than agencies. I left a message for a person that I know at the Senate and House.

I know the Governor has an Other funds account that pays for all the Governor's foods and beverages because I had to issues checks to the Chef.

I am looking into the vendors as well. I will be in touch.

Thanks,

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Good Morning Ken,

Per our conversation attached is the Vendor information. Our water comes from Country Clear and the Senate uses Valley Beverage.

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