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**Subject:** Re: answers to your questions

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Fine by me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2016, at 2:00 PM, Godfrey, Rob <RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Any issue with us providing Gavin with the following?

- 1) Yes.
- 2) ON BACKGROUND: In accordance with state ethics laws, this type of reimbursement depends on whether the events are campaign-related: If the event is campaign-related, then expenses are reimbursed; and if the event is not campaign-related, then they are not reimbursed.

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**From:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 5:35 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Rob; Taylor, Richele; Patel, Swati  
**Cc:** Adams, Chaney  
**Subject:** RE: answers to your questions

It depends on whether the events are campaign-related: If the event is campaign-related, then expenses are reimbursed; and if the event is not campaign-related, then they are not reimbursed.

We have confirmed with Halti and Brandon that for political travel: Additional expenses incurred by the Governor are not funded by the state but by a third party (e.g. RGA); and additional expenses incurred by Detail are funded by the state but typically would only include lodging and meals, not airfare.

Again, it is important to distinguish between political events that are not regulated and campaign-related events that are regulated. For expense purposes, political events are treated like personal events, such as family vacations, medical appointments, and social events. Executive protectees receive around-the-clock protection, regardless of the nature of the event.

It may be helpful to analogize our situation with the President who reportedly does not reimburse the Secret Service for campaign-related events but does reimburse for his own costs for travel, including transportation, meals, and lodging at commercial rates.

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**From:** Godfrey, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 4:55 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Richele; Schimsa, Rebecca; Patel, Swati  
**Cc:** Adams, Chaney  
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Forgot to include Chaney.

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
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To: Taylor, Richele; Schimsa, Rebecca; Patel, Swati  
Subject: FW: answers to your questions

Check out the second question. Let's discuss.

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From: Jackson, Gavin [<mailto:gjackson@postandcourier.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 4:53 PM  
To: Adams, Chaney  
Cc: Godfrey, Rob  
Subject: RE: answers to your questions

1. Kristy says y'all email. So safe to say a phone/email combination?
2. So are RGA/RNC travel expenses and overtime (if needed) covered by the organizations?

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From: Adams, Chaney [<mailto:ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 4:27 PM  
To: Jackson, Gavin  
Cc: Godfrey, Rob  
Subject: answers to your questions

1) What is the exact process the governor's office engages to alert the Lt. Gov.'s office of the governor's out of state travel?

ON BACKGROUND: The governor's office emails or calls the lieutenant governor's office to notify his staff when the governor travels out of state.

2) When are state taxpayers responsible for expenses incurred by the governor's political travel?

ON BACKGROUND: The governor, regardless of who it is, is required to have protection around the clock from a security detail (Proviso 117.69 of the General Appropriations Act). However, state law (Section 8-13-1346 of the South Carolina Code of Laws) specifically prohibits use of public resources for campaign-related travel that influences the outcome of an election - and that's why Governor Haley initiated a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Ethics Commission and SLED to clarify when reimbursements for the costs of security are appropriate. According to the MOA, reimbursements are made for campaign-related events, which are defined to include but not be limited to campaign fundraisers, campaign rallies, and other events paid for and planned by the campaign. The governor's staff, working with the State Ethics Commission as needed, determines whether an event is campaign-related.

3) Which state agency/agencies did the governor's office reimburse after a recent review of travel?

ON BACKGROUND: Pursuant to state law (Proviso 117.69), the governor's security detail is provided by SLED, DPS State Highway Patrol, and DNR. Reimbursements are made to these law enforcement agencies for costs, such as mileage, meals, accommodations, or airline tickets, incurred by the agencies for providing security to the Governor for campaign-related events.

4) For which trip(s) was/were this reimbursement related to?

Since January 2015, state law enforcement agencies (SLED, DPS, DNR) have been reimbursed for the following campaign-related events:

- Bevin for Governor (KY)
- McCrory for Governor (NC)
- Hanaway for Governor (MO)
- Collins for House
- Rubio for President
- Huggins for House
- Boyd for Senate
- Skipper for Senate
- Pyle for Senate
- Duncan for House
- Climer for Senate
- Talley for Senate
- Comstock for Congress (VA)

5) Was the governor's RGA trip to Sea Island, Ga., cut short due to the flood last October?

ON BACKGROUND: The trip was cut short by a few hours, but the governor was always scheduled to be back relatively early that Sunday.