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I've taken a look at this. The fact that the House is holding subcommittee meetings a full month before the Executive Budget is due has put us in a rather difficult place - although we hope to fund most of what is contained in that spreadsheet, we won't know what our final position will be on any individual agency's request until we've finished balancing the entire government-wide budget for FY 2012-13. It is entirely possible, for instance, that we may have to pare back the CJIS personnel request by a little, in order to help us achieve overall balance in the General Fund.

So I don't want to sound evasive, but we simply can't commit to a final, definitive position on any agency's request until we've finished balancing the entire state budget. We will fund more agents, although I don't know yet if the final figure will be 45. Similarly, there will be money for vehicles, but I don't know precisely how much yet. One area where we have made a firm commitment is the lab, which we have publicly committed to funding and staffing.

It would be helpful if the Chief could preface his remarks with this context, and if he could touch upon that theme a couple times during his testimony (it needn't be ostentatiously). This is the same request that we've made of the other agencies that were called this week. We expect that the Executive Budget will look much like the agencies' requests look today (at least for cabinet agencies), but we do know that there will be some changes made in the next three weeks, before we have to send it off to the printer. Thanks.

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Sled goes before ways and means at 10 in the am. Ted

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Mr. Pitts,

Please see attachment for budget submission.

Please call me with any questions.

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