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Talked to Keel about this two weeks ago.

The agency has gotten the backlog on new applications back under the 90 days this month and will have the renewal turn around timeframe under 90 days next month. The agency saw such a sharp increase in applications which led to the backlog. The volume of applications has trended down to normal loads over the last couple of months.

Don't know the specifics on the money.

From: Godfrey, Rob
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Guidance?

From: Kittle, Robert C. [<mailto:RKittle@WSPA.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:16 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob
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Hi Rob,

Just wanted to give you a heads-up so you and the governor would know we wanted to try to talk to her after the Budget and Control Board meeting this afternoon, about something other than the meeting.

I'm doing a story today on the backlog with concealed weapons permits and renewals at SLED. SLED told me today they got \$820,000 in this year's budget to research how to speed up the process and to implement whatever they come up with, whether that's buying new equipment to put part of the process online, or to hire an outside vendor, or to hire new people.

What we wanted to ask the governor is: The budget includes \$820,000 for SLED to study how to speed up the concealed weapons permit process. Why spend that much to study what to do when that money could be used to hire more people?

Katie Geer will be at the B&C Board meeting and she'll be asking that question for me, because I'll be out at SLED to talk to them.

Thanks,

Robert