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**1) Do staff members in the governor's office need to have some sort of state or federal security clearance to be part of briefings with authorities?**

There are some instances in which the governor and a member of her are briefed on issues that require staff to have a security clearance.

**2) If so, how does Tim Pearson have clearance as a private consultant?**

He does not and would not be briefed on those issues.

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