

From: Fretwell, Sammy <sfretwell@thestate.com>
To: Adams, ChaneyChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov
Date: 1/29/2016 4:49:04 PM
Subject: Re: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Chaney,
Need for you to call me about this background info.

Sammy

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On Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 4:12 PM, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

ON BACKGROUND:

The governor's executive budget funded the agency's highest priorities – \$11.2 million for a data center to ensure continuity of all of the agency's critical information, and \$661,000 for the dams program. The remainder of the funding went to needed programs based on the department's priorities. As with any budget where the requests greatly exceed the availability of funds or reasonable growth rates, the Governor's Executive Budget prioritized those needs and recommended support for programs. It is worth noting that the Governor's budget also fully supported \$5 million in nonrecurring funds for the Agency's data center, improvements to the environmental lab and funds needed for the underground storage tank program.

On Jan 29, 2016, at 3:10 PM, Fretwell, Sammy <sfretwell@thestate.com> wrote:

Thanks.

On Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 2:46 PM, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:
Just wanted to follow up. I'm still working on getting you an answer here.

On Jan 29, 2016, at 11:17 AM, Fretwell, Sammy <sfretwell@thestate.com> wrote:

Yes.

On Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 10:50 AM, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Sammy,

Are you on deadline here?

From: Fretwell, Sammy [mailto:sfretwell@thestate.com]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:36 AM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Chaney,

I had a few questions about Gov. Haley's executive budget and DHEC's proposed budget.

A handout given to me by the House Ways and Means Committee shows that the governor is requesting about \$12.7 million more for DHEC programs in next year's budget.

But DHEC is seeking \$35.5 million in additional money to supplement its base budget of \$106.86 million, according to the handout.

Questions

A) Why is the governor seeking less new money than DHEC?

B) Specifically, why is the governor seeking \$201,250 more for water quality monitoring, when DHEC says \$945,000 in new money is needed?

C) Why is the governor not seeking additional state money to bolster the state's air monitoring program?

D) Why is the governor seeking \$350,000 in new money for NPL gold mine sites, when DHEC says \$450,000 is needed?

Thanks,

Sammy Fretwell

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