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Senator James Manning Jr., Co-Chair  
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Ways & Means Sub-Committee on General Government

Co-Chairs Manning and Smith;

We want to thank you for the opportunity to present Secretary of State, Dennis Richardson's revised Agency Budget Request for the 2017-19 biennium. On Day 3 of the budget hearings we were requested to provide information from committee members regarding our budget request and specific packages. We have listed the questions below and our response to each of those questions.

1. **Representative Fahey:** Representative Fahey asked what the current balance of HAVA funds is and the projected ending balances for 2015-17.

**Response:** The current balance, as of February 28, 2017, was \$6,411,853. We are currently projecting additional charges of \$554,941 during the last 4 months of 2017 with a projected ending balance of over \$5.8 million dollars on June 30, 2017.

2. **Representative Fahey:** Regarding the Election Night Reporting application, Representative Fahey asked how much traffic did the website get.

**Response:**

- On Election Night, we had 500 to 5500 concurrent users between 8:00 and 8:10pm.
- During the 8:00 hour, we had 21,000 users and 138,000 page views.
- We totaled almost 120,000 users and 765,000 page views.

3. **Senator Johnson and LFO Principal Analyst, Steve Bender-** We were asked to compare, in terms of value, the costs associated with these 10 position reclassifications if they had been done under a permanent finance plan. The following information is provided below for the three packages associated with the Staffing True Ups (Pkg 102; Pkg 105; & Pkg 111):

**Response:**

Under a permanent financing process, we factored the costs of the top step of the classification each of the 10 positions are currently budgeted, in comparison to the costs of the top step of the classification for which the positions were reclassified. The costs for these 10 positions would be an overall increase of \$46,123 per year or a biennial cost of \$92,246. Listed below would be the specific permanent finance costs for each of the packages:

- Pkg 111 is a 2 year increase of \$33,627 (1 position)
- Pkg 105 is a 2 year decrease of \$44,608 (3 positions)
- Pkg 102 is a two year increase of \$103,227 (6 positions)

4. Senator Johnson asked how many positions within the Secretary of State were unfilled from our predecessor.

**Response:** Total vacancies as of December 31, 2016: 22 vacancies agency wide in the following divisions:

Exec – 1  
BSD – 1  
ISD – 3  
Audits – 7  
Archives – 2  
Elections – 3  
Corp- 5

As of February 28, 2017 (our most current monthly report), There were 9 vacancies, we have listed the status of those vacancies in the following divisions:

Total vacancies – 9

ISD – 1 (employee starting 4-24)  
Audits – 4 (3 employees starting in May)  
Archives – 1  
Elections – 2  
Corp – 1 (employee starting 4-3)

5. Representative Gomberg asked, regarding long-term vacancies, how long is considered long-term.

**Response:** The DAS Quarterly Vacancy Report list positions that have been vacant for longer than 6 months.

We are happy to answer any further questions or provide additional information committee members may have regarding the information provided in this response.

Respectfully,

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