BY THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Report To The Honorable William H. Boner House Of Representatives

Budget And Staffing Information For Congressional Liaison Offices Of 19 Selected Federal Departments And Agencies

Staff and budget allocated to congressional liaison offices vary among Federal executive departments and independent agencies based on the department's or agency's mission, volume, and nature of congressional work, or extent of contact with the public. This report provides fiscal years 1979 through 1982 staff. provides fiscal years 1979 through 1982 staffing and budget information for congressional liaison offices in 19 executive departments and independent agencies.





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The Honorable William H. Boner House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Boner:

In response to your request of September 4, 1981, and as agreed with your office, we have obtained the following information for 19 Federal executive departments and independent agencies during fiscal years 1979 through 1982:

- -- The total department or agency budget.
- -- The total number of department or agency employees.
- --The number of professional and support staff employed in the congressional liaison offices (CLOs) and the amount budgeted for them.
- -- The number of staff years spent outside the CLO on congressionally related matters.

To obtain this information, we developed a questionnaire and met with CLO officials to discuss our request. We requested the most up-to-date information available. We received responses from 19 of the departments and agencies. The Department of Defense was not able to provide the requested information within the specified time. If it is submitted at a later date, we will forward it to your office.

Appendix I contains fiscal year 1981 information for the departments and agencies; appendix II contains detailed data for fiscal years 1979 through 1982. All information in the tables (including the footnotes) was provided by the respondents. We have not independently verified the information.

Our work was performed in accordance with our Office's "Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions." Caution should be used in drawing conclusions from the information in the tables because the budget and staffing information was not consistently prepared by the respondents. This was caused by differences in data maintenance, development, estimations, reporting techniques, and functional definitions of CLOs, as indicated by footnotes in the tables. Further, conclusions drawn from comparisons of the CLOs' budgets or staff sizes based on the total department or agency budget or staff size may be misleading. The budget and staff sizes are apparently not related to the total department or agency budget or staff size but may be related to functional attributes, such as the mission of the agency or department, the volume and nature of the congressional work handled, or the extent of contact with the public.

As arranged with your office, unless you publicly announce its contents earlier, we will not distribute this letter report until 7 days after its issue date. At that time, we will send copies to other interested persons and make copies available to others upon request. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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BUDGET AND STAFFING INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981 (note a)

				Congressional	gressional liaison offices			Other	
Federal executive	To	tal	Number	Total		Staff		staff years	
departments	Budget	Staff	of CLOs	budget	Professional	Support	Total	(<u>note b</u>)	
	(millions	i)		(thousands)				(estimated)	
Agriculture	\$ 30,630	127,291	15	\$1,817	32	16	48	14	
Commerce	3,432	39,402	8	c/2,157	41	26	67	54	
Energy	12,180	19,330	1	1,735	36	12	48	5	
Education	14,895	6,488	1	860	17	6	23	144	
Health and Human	•	-							
Services	c/230,917	150,539	12	c/6,984	124	54	178	175	
Housing and Urban				~					
Development.	31,030	15,475	1	1,408	20	18	38	57	
Interior	6,167	74,085	10	1,957	37	28	65	100	
Justice	2,346	55,267	1	d/1,073	d/15	d/11	d/26	0	
Labor	c/29,818	21,508	1	1,119		~ 9	19	51	
State	2,015	17,164	1	1,414	20	17	37	e/24	
Transportation	23,439	f/99,216	1	507	14	6	g/24	h7112	
Treasury	3,843	119,875	5	994	19	8	27	- 81	
Independent agencies									
Environmental Pro-									
tection Agency	1,462	12,754	1	1,417	25	12	37	N/A	
National Aeronautics									
and Space Administration	c/5,522	22,381	1	<u>c</u> /755	18	9	27	(i)	
General Services									
Administration	ي ر/750								
	k/1,648	34,021	1	294	7	1	8	27	
Small Business Administration		5,088	1	492	11	3	14	1	
Veterans Administration	c/23,277	232,417	1	c/545	11	4	15	N/A	
U.S. Postal Service	21,486	670,239	1	1,682	33	19	52	8	
Tennessee Valley									
Authority	5,646	50,0 94	1	262	4	4	8	4	

a/Inconsistency in reporting and functional differences in Federal departments and agencies may result in unreliable comparisons. Specific qualifying statements are provided as footnotes on each department or agency table in app. II.

e/Actual.

b/Staff years spent outside CLOs on congressionally related matters.

c/Estimated.

d/Includes only headquarters Office of Legislative Affairs. In addition to the headquarters office, there are 14 smaller CLOs in the various Justice components comprised of 56 professional and 33 support staff. Budget information for these components is unavailable.

f/Includes 59,456 civilian and 39,760 Coast Guard personnel.

g/Includes four Coast Guard personnel.

h/Includes both civilian and Coast Guard staff.

i/Less than one.

j/General Services Administration direct appropriation.

k/Federal building fund (General Services Administration standard level user charges).

APPENDIX II

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amo		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(milli	ons)	
Total Agriculture budget	\$24,544	\$24,897	\$30,630	\$25,546
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(thous	ands)	
Total CLO budget	\$1,681	\$1,950	\$1,817	\$1,804
		Numb	er	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Agriculture staff: Full-time	83,899	82,528	82,339	95,727
Other	42,447	44,909	44,952	21,273
Total	126,346	127,437	127,291	a/117,000
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:				
Full-time	28	33	30	32
Other	_1	_0	_2	_0
Total	<u>29</u>	<u>33</u>	32	<u>32</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time	18	19	16	16
Other	_1	_0	_0	_1
Total	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	48	<u>52</u>	48	<u>49</u>
Estimated total staff years spend outside CLO on congressionally related matters		12	14	14
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DEPARIMENT	OF	COMMERCE	

				
•	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amo	ount	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(mil)	.ions)	
Total Commerce budget	\$3,263	\$3,083	\$3,432	<u>a</u> / N/A
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
		(thous	sands)	
Total CLO budget	\$1,886	\$2,034	\$2,157	\$2,128
		Numb	er	
	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Actual	Authorized
Commerce staff:				
Full-time	29,021	29,270	27,180	29,327
Other	13,646	18,900	12,222	5,812
Total	42,667	48,170	39,402	35,139
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:	20			
Full-time Other	38	39	39	36
04.02	_1	_2	_2	_1
Total	<u>39</u>	41	<u>41</u>	<u>37</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time	17	17	14	17
Other	8	10	12	_9
Total	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	26	<u>26</u>
Total (note b)	64	68	67	63
Estimated total staff years spe				
outside CLO on congressionall		5 0		
related matters (note c)	58	58	54	41

a/Commerce reported \$1,795 million based on a continuing resolution.

b/Includes one consultant for each fiscal year 1980 through 1982.

c/These figures include Commerce's legislative research effort, defined as the functions performed by the Assistant General Counsel for legislation and related functions performed within the bureaus' legal staffs. Also included is Commerce's work on congressional appropriations which it defines as the total effort of the departmental Office of Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

•				
	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Am	ount	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted
		(mil	lions)	
Total Energy budget	\$10,868	\$12,288	\$12,180	\$12,853
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Actual	Budgeted
		(thou	sands)	
Total CLO budget	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,860	\$ 1,735	\$ 2,183
		Nu	mber	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized
Energy staff:				
Full-time	19,005	19,827	17,973	17,364
Other	1,270	1,480	1,357	1,011
Total	20,275	21,307	19,330	18,375
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:				
Full-time	42	40	35	34
Other	_0	_2	1	_1
Total	42	42	<u>36</u>	35
Support staff:				
Full-time	5	12	12	11
Other	1	1	_0	0
Total	_6	<u>13</u>	12	11
Total	48	55	48	<u>46</u>
Estimated total staff years outside CLO on congression				
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (notes a and b)

	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amount	
	Actual	Actual	Requested
	arty data with stage dress	- (millions) -	
Total Education budget	\$14,193	\$14,895	\$12,592
	Actual	Actual	Requested
		- (thousands)-	
Total CLO budget	\$969	\$860	\$797
		Number	
	Actual	Actual	Authorized
Education staff:			
Full-time	5,642	5,538	5,459
Other Other	1,722	950	569
Total	7,364	6,488	6,028
CLO staff:			
Professional staff:			
Full-time	13	11	16
Other	_1	_6	
Total	14	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>
Support staff:			
Full-time	5	6	11
Other	_0	<u> </u>	_0
Total	_5	6	11
Total (note c)	19	23	34
Estimated total staff years spen outside CLO on congressionally			
related matters	110	144	153

a/The Department of Education was not in existence in 1979.

b/The information is a general estimate, based on information gathered from the Department of Education offices.

c/Includes two consultants for fiscal year 1980 and one consultant for fiscal year 1981.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) (note a)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982		
•		Amo	ount			
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated		
		(mill	.ions)			
Total HHS budget	\$170,303	\$194,703	\$230,917	\$252,061		
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated		
		(thous	ands)			
Total CLO budget	\$6,110	\$6,617	\$6,984	<u>b</u> /\$6,756		
	Number					
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated		
HHS staff:						
Full-time	136,115	136,364	133,600	N/A		
Other	12,993	14,461	16,939	n/a		
Total	149,108	150,825	150,539	135,316		
CLO staff:						
Professional staff:						
Full-time	135	122	112	127		
Other	5	4	_12			
Total	140	126	124	128		
Support staff:						
Full-time	54	50	44	47		
Other		8	_10			
Total	61	_58	_54	_54		
Total (note c)	201	184	178	182		
Estimated total staff years spe outside CLO on congressionall related matters (note d)		165	175	78		

a/Department of Education resources are included in fiscal year 1979 and are part of fiscal year 1980 departmental totals.

b/Social Security Administration (SSA) information was not available for fiscal year 1982.

c/The CLOs are staff offices reporting to various line officials and are not organized in a direct-line-authority structure. Also, included are CLO staff in HHS regions whose work loads also involve State legislative liaison functions.

d/Information was not readily available from all CLOs; however, those that did submit estimates are listed below:

⁻Office of Human Development Services (HDS)—Amounts are estimated. Congressional appropriation work is done by the HDS budget office at an estimated 3.25 staff years per year. Virtually all drafting of substantive materials is done by program staff, with the liaison office coordinating, editing and reviewing for policy. Estimate is 1.5 years per program office, except fiscal year 1981, when all HDS statutes were subject to legislative action.

⁻⁻⁻SSA--Figures represent staff years for SSA's Office of Legislative and Regulatory Policy.

⁻⁻Health Care Financing Administration--Information is estimated to include time devoted to congressionally mandated studies and reports.

⁻Public Health Service, Health Resources Administration—Information represents estimated staff time worked on congressional budget activity by the various financial management offices of the agency, plus other legislative activity dealing with reauthorization of legislation and legislative monitoring carried out by staff beyond the immediate legislative offices.

⁻Public Health Service-Centers for Disease Control-Information includes various personnel from the Centers' Director through Program and Office personnel. The total reflects the estimated cumulative time contributed by many persons.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) (note a)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
•		Amo	ount	
	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Actual	Estimated
		(mill	.ions)	
Total HUD budget	\$31,135	\$35,677	\$31,030	\$25,208
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
	668 WH 660 GAP WAR	(thou	ısands)	
Total CLO budget	\$1,320	\$1,366	\$1,408	\$1,477
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	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized
HUD staff:				
Full-time	16,067	15,613	14,678	N/A
Other	1,189	1,215	<u>797</u>	N/A
Total	17,256	16,828	15,475	N/A
CLO staff:				
Professional staff: Full-time	20	20	20	19
Other	0	0	_0	0
Total	20	<u>20</u>	20	<u>19</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time	16	16	16	12
Other	2	2	2	0
Total	18	<u>18</u>	18	12
Total	<u>38</u>	38	38	31

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Estimated total staff years spent outside CLO on congressionally

related matters

During the May-October 1981 period, the 11 HUD liaison officers answered 10,771 congressional phone inquiries and 3,032 written congressional inquiries. They also made 9,617 grant announcements to congressional offices. In addition, they arranged and conducted some 384 separate meetings between HUD officials, Members of Congress, and/or their staffs to discuss specific cases, projects, or programs. It should be stressed that each of these activities took place because a Member of Congress or his constituents had a question or problem concerning a particular HUD program.

a/HUD comments—While we have made every effort to insure the accuracy of the information, we believe that, at best, the numbers tell only half the story. After all, the reason for the congressional relations operation is to help Members of Congress respond to constituents' problems and to give Members information about HUD programs. Without ready access to this service the job of a congressman would be considerably tougher because he and his staff would have to spend hours identifying the right office or person within the department to contact for information or assistance.

DEPARIMENT OF THE INTERIOR (note a)

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Total CLO budget	\$1,675	\$1,794	\$1,957	\$1,995
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	<u>Actual</u>	Actual	Actual	<u>Estimated</u>
Total Interior budget	\$5,943	\$6,587	\$6,167	\$5,740
		(mil)	.ions)	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
	•	Amo	ount	
	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982

	Number				
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized	
Interior staff:					
Full-time	54,343	53,210	52,560	63,200	
Other	22,683	23,512	21,525	16,043	
Total	77,026	76,722	74,085	79,243	
CLO staff:					
Professional staff:					
Full-time	35	37	35	37	
Other	1	_1	_2	_1	
Total	<u>36</u>	38	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	
Support staff:					
Full-time	17	17	17	17	
Other	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	
Total	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	
Total	63	<u>65</u>	65	<u>66</u>	
Estimated total staff years sper outside CLO on congressionally					
related matters (note b)	106	108	100	105	

a/Interior comments—The Office of the Secretary, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs oversees various types of activities and additionally performs many other functions relating to congressional hearings, fulfills requests for testimony, coordinates the drafting of legislation, and provides legislative reports, etc. Many functions do not relate to direct, full-time liaison work. The legislative staff of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs and the Department's appropriations staff involved in liaison work are included in the estimated total staff years spent outside the CLO.

b/Interior units which provided explanations are listed below:

⁻⁻Office of the Secretary--Information includes appropriations staff and legislative legal coordination staff.

⁻⁻⁻National Park Service--Information represents professional staff of the Division of Legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982		
		Am	ount			
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated		
		(mill	ions)			
Total Justice budget	\$2,510	\$2,513	\$2,346	\$2,470		
	Actual	Actual	Actual			
		(thou	sands)			
Total CLO budget (note a)	\$895	\$1,003	\$1,073	N/A		
	Number					
	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Authorized		
Justice staff:						
Full-time	51,548	53,089	51,985	5 2,97 0		
Other	3,913	3,238	3,282	0		
Total	55,461	56,327	<u>55,267</u>	52,970		
CLO staff:						
Professional staff:						
Full-time	12	15	14	14		
Other	_2	_0	1	_0		
Total	14	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	14		
Support staff:						
Full-time	12	10	11	11		
Other	0	1	0	0		
Total	12	11	11	11		
Total	<u>26</u>	26	26	25		
Estimated total staff years spent						
outside CLO on congressionally related matters	0	0	0	0		

a/Includes only Office of Legislative Affairs headquarters. There are 14 smaller CLOs in the various Justice components comprised of 56 professional and 33 support staff. Budget information for these components is unavailable.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982			
			ount				
	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Estimated				
		(mil	lions)	***************************************			
Total Labor budget	\$28,619	\$28,796	\$29,818	N/A			
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated			
		(thou	sands)				
Total CLO budget	\$1,133	\$1,304	\$1,119	\$1,260			
	Number						
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized			
Labor staff:							
Full-time	22,148	22,112	20,604	18,381			
Other	1,054	1,440	904	661			
Total	23,202	23,552	21,508	19,042			
CLO staff:							
Professional staff:	10	10	• •				
Full-time Other	18 0	19 0	10 0	17 0			
Ouki	U	U	U	U			
Total	18	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>			
Support staff:		•					
Full-time	16	18	8	14			
Other	1	1	1	1			
Total	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>			
Total	35	38	19	32			
Estimated total staff years spe outside CLO on congressionall related matters (note a)		51	51	51			
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a/Estimated staff years in each fiscal year includes 20 staff years on congressional budget preparation.

DEPARIMENT OF STATE

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Ar	mount	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
	*** *** *** ***	(mi	llions)	
Total State budget	\$1,612	\$1,922	\$2,015	\$2,219
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(tho	ısands)— — —	
Total CLO budget	\$1,125	\$1,256	\$1,414	\$1,585
		Nu	mber	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted
State staff: Full-time:				
Americans Foreign Service	10,114	10,044	10,257	10,568
Nationals	5,987	5,570	5,526	5,545
Total	16,101	15,614	15,783	16,113
Other	1,391	1,351	1,381	1,707
Total	17,492	16,965	17,164	17,820
				Authorized
CLO staff (note a): Professional staff:				
Full-time	19	21	20	21
Other	_0	_0	_0	_0
Total	19	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time	13	14	14	14
Other	_2	_2	_3	_7
Total	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>
Total	34	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>42</u>
Estimated total staff year				
outside CLO on congressi related matters (note b)		24	24	24

a/Includes less than 1 staff year for consultants for fiscal year 1979.

b/Staff years for fiscal years 1979 through 1981 are actual, while staff years for fiscal year 1982 are estimated.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
			nount	
	Actual	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Estimated
Total Transportation		(mill	.ions)	
budget (note a)	\$18,546	\$19,569	\$23,439	\$21,192
	<u>Actual</u>	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
	W7 No. 100 NO. 100	(thou	sands)	
Total CLO civilian budget	\$495	\$497	\$507	\$510
		Numb	er	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized
Civilian staff:				
Full-time	70,186	68,941	56,752	65,122
Other	3,360	3,420	2,704	0
Total	73,546	72,361	59,456	65,122
Total military staff				
(Coast Guard)	38,565	39,417	<u>39,760</u>	39,904
Civilian CLO staff (note b):				
Professional staff				
Full-time	13	11	11	13
Other	_2	_3	_3	_2
Total	<u>15</u>	14	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time	6	6	4	6
Other	_1	_1	_2	_2
Total	_7		_6	_8
Total	22	21	20	23
Total military CLO staff				
(Coast Guard)	4	4	4	4
Estimated total staff years sper outside CLO on congressionally related matters (note c)		106	112	97
n/Includes Coast Count military				

a/Includes Coast Guard military staff.

b/Includes one consultant for each fiscal year 1979 through 1981.

c/Figures shown as authorized for this table only. All positions, except full-time permanent positions, are allocated from the Office of Administration on an as-needed basis with a budgetary dollar restriction. The information was derived through a survey of the Department and includes Coast Guard military staff. Only individuals who spent more than one-third of their time are included in the figures. The information is estimated because actual hours are not recorded as these functions are not the employees' primary duty and are often performed coincident with other responsibilities.

	DEPARTMENT C	F THE TREASURY	<u>.</u>	
	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amou	int	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
	untile alles have offer unor Yes	(milli	.ons)	
Total Treasury budget	\$3,864	\$3,594	\$3,843	<u>a</u> /\$3,700
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
		(thous	sands)	
Total CLO budget	\$809	\$1,034	\$994	\$1,155
		Number		
	Actual	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Authorized
Treasury staff:				
Full-time	109,382	107,499	104,830	N/A
Other	14,249	16,112	15,045	N/A
Total	123,631	123,611	119,875	116,662
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:			_	
Full-time Other	18	20	19	22
Other	_0	_0	_0	_0
Total	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	22
Support staff:				
Full-time	7	8	7	8
Other	_1	_2	_1	_1
Total	_8_	<u>10</u>	8	9
Total	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>31</u>
Estimated total staff years sp				
outside CLO on congressiona related matters	lly 26	26	<u>b</u> /81	32

a/Authorized under current continuing resolution.

b/Includes 50 staff years for the Internal Revenue Service. The Service estimates are not available for fiscal years 1979, 1980, and 1982.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amo	unt	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(mil	lions)	mar one one than 1000 mm
Total EPA budget (note a)	\$1,337	\$1,373	\$1,462	\$1,278
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected
		(thou	sands)— — — —	
Total CLO budget	\$1,145	\$1,729	\$1,417	\$811
		Numi		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized
EPA staff:				
Full-time	10,159	10,681	10,104	10,387
Other	3,384	4,034	2,650	2,474
Total	13,543	14,715	12,754	12,861
CLO staff (note b): Professional staff:				
Full-time	23	23	19	12
Other	9	_8	<u>_6</u>	_4
Total	<u>32</u>	31	<u>25</u>	<u>16</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time Other	14	11 4	8 4	5 2
Ouler	1		-4	_3
Total	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	12	_8_
Total	47	<u>46</u>	<u>37</u>	23
Estimated total staff years sper outside CLO on congressionally	7			
related matters (note c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

a/Excludes construction grants.

APPENDIX II

b/Includes three consultants for fiscal year 1979.

c/The information desired is unavailable. The number of staff years devoted to congressional affairs, other than those of the Office of Congressional Liaison employees, is considerable. In addition, the Office of Legislation devotes the majority of its efforts toward legislatively related matters. It would be extremely difficult and costly to provide the information requested. The agency's management systems are not designed to furnish this information, and to obtain an estimate would require considerable time and effort throughout EPA.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

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	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Ar	mount	
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
		(mi	illions)	
Total NASA budget	\$4, 559	\$5,243	\$5,522	\$5,953
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(the	ousands)— — —	
Total CLO budget	\$629	\$671	\$755	\$883
		Nur	nber	
•	Actual	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Authorized
NASA staff:				
Full-time	22,686	22,639	21,885	21,844
Other	548	<u>565</u>	496	496
Total	23,234	23,204	22,381	22,340
CLO staff (note a):				
Professional staff:	7	10	3.5	16
Full-time Other	7 1	13 _2	15 3	15 _2
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Total	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	18	<u>17</u>
Support staff:				
Full-time	11	12	9	12
Other	1	_0	_0	_2
Total	12	12	9	14
Total	<u>20</u> ·	27	27	31
Estimated total staff years soutside CLO on congressiona				
related matters (note b)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

a/Includes one consultant for fiscal year 1981.

b/The NASA Office of Legislative Affairs performs the duties normally associated with a legislative liaison office. Except for this Office, there are no staff years budgeted nor employees specifically assigned to perform congressional liaison, legislative research, or congressional appropriations work. Within NASA, and we presume within other agencies, employees at all levels, from senior management officials who testify before the Congress to personnel specialists, secretaries, procurement officers, analysts, and others, may be involved in preparation of information used to respond to congressional requests and/or constituent inquiry referrals, and no record is kept of the hours involved in this work. In preparation for submission of our budget and its justification to the Congress, there are many matters which are also done for internal use. As indicated previously, the Office of Legislative Affairs has the responsibilities for interfacing with the Congress. The Office of the Comptroller spends less than I work year in liaison activities directly related to congressional appropriations work. 15

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amo		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(mil	lions)	
GSA Budget: Appropriated funds Federal building fund (stand-	\$410	\$432	\$750	\$46 0
ard level user charges)	\$1,480	\$1,522	\$1,648	\$1,868
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(thou	sands)	
Total CLO budget	\$291	\$301	\$294	\$392
		Numb		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized
GSA staff:				
Full-time Other	32,837 2,418	32,275 3,015	31,206 2,815	29,648 2,619
Calei	2,410	3,013	2,613	2,019
Total	35,255	35,290	34,021	32,267
CLO staff: Professional staff:				
Full-time	9	8	7	8
Other	0	0	<u>o</u>	0
Total .	9	_8	<u>7</u>	_8_
Support staff:				
Full-time	2	2	1	3
Other	_0	_0	<u>o</u>	_0
Total	_2	_2	<u>1</u>	_3
Total	11	10	8	11
Estimated total staff years spent outside CLO on congressionally				
related matters (note a)	28	28	27	31

a/The heads of service and staff offices provided estimates of staff years spent on congressional liaison, correspondence, legislative research, congressional appropriations, etc.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amo	ount	
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
		(mil)	lions)	
Total VA budget	\$20,467	\$21,175	\$23,277	\$24,980
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(thou	usands) — — —	
Total CLO budget	\$474	\$502	\$545	\$572
		Numi	oer	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Authorized
VA staff:				
Full-time	194,290	195,646	195,921	197,044
Other	31,794	32,639	36,496	32,590
Total	226,084	228,285	232,417	229,634
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:	_			
Full-time	12	12	11	11
Other	_0	_0	_0	_0
Total	12	12	11	11
Support staff:				
Full-time	5	5	4	7
Other	_0	_0	_0	_0
Total	_5	_5	_4	_7
Total (note a)	17	<u>17</u>	15	18
Estimated total staff years spe outside CLO on congressionall related matters (note b)		n/a	n/a	n/a

a/Of the total number of positions listed for each fiscal year, 13 positions are involved exclusively with Veteran's case work for Members of Congress, the remainder of the staff deals with aspects such as legislation, program, and policy issues.

b/The Office of the General Counsel is responsible for legal review of all policy statements leaving the agency. Professional staff contribute to drafting, reviewing, and coordinating agency responses to legislative proposals, congressional requests, and implementation of law. This process requires close coordination with staff members at the Office of Management and Budget, Veterans' Affairs Committees, and other committees of the Congress. This time has never been measured and would be very difficult to estimate. However, a best guess of the range of involvement would be a fifth to a quarter of our central office professional time. Roughly, this would translate to 13 to 16 staff years of attorney time. The VA Legislative Reference and Research Library provides aid to its professional staff. This unit is staffed by 10 full-time and 2 part-time employees. The unit is headed by a paralegal specialist, has four legal technicians, five clerical support, and two legal student trainees. This configuration has not substantially deviated over the last several years.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Am	ount	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	
		(mil	lions)	
Total SBA budget (note a)	\$172	\$194	\$202	N/A
	Actual	Actual	Actual	
	400 Nov May 600.	(thou	sands)	
Total CLO budget	\$417	\$518	\$492	N/A
		Num	ber	
	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Actual	Authorized
SBA staff:				
Full-time	4,372	4,408	4,275	4,145
Other (note c)	1,540	1,396	813	1,051
Total	5,912	5,804	5,088	b/5,196
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:				
Full-time	12	10	10	N/A
Other	_0	<u> 1</u>	1	N/A
Total	12	<u>11</u>	11	N/A
Support staff:				
Full-time	2	2	3	N/A
Other	0	0 '	0	N/A
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	N/A
Total	14	13	14	N/A
Estimated total staff years s				
outside CLO on congressional related matters (note d)	11 y 1	1	1	1

a/Excludes disaster loan making.

b/Full-time equivalent.

c/Includes disaster loan making.

d/The 1 staff year shown represents roughly one-third of a staff year by the Controller and two-thirds of a staff year by the General Counsel staff.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
			ount	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(mil	lions)	
Total USPS budget	\$17,705	\$19,559	\$21,486	\$23,382
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(thou	sands)	
Total CLO budget	\$1,284	\$1,481	\$1,682	\$1,999
		Nu	mber	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
USPS_staff:	F05 540	F04 0F0	5 4 4 5 T T	
Full-time Other	533,749 129,318	536,373 130,450	544,557 125,682	544,349 124,676
Total	663,067	666,823	670,239	669,025
				Budgeted
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:				
Full-time Other	3 0 0	31 0	33 0	33 0
Total	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>
Support staff:		••		
Full-time Other	15 _0	20 <u>0</u>	19 _0	21 _0
Total	15	20	19	21
Total	<u>45</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>
Estimated total staff years spe			energymin 	Militer Manager Health Manager
outside CLO on congressional: related matters (note a)		8	8	8

a/The staff years shown, except those for the Government Relations Department, represent professional staff who work on legislative opinions and appropriations. It is not possible to estimate the extent to which there may be other staff years spent on congressional liaison activities. Local post offices receive some congressional inquiries directly and, if they concern a matter under the jurisdiction of that office, respond directly. On the basis of information we have available, we estimate that such inquiries amount to 3 to 5 percent of the volume handled centrally by the Government Relations Department. However, no full-time or part-time positions exist for this purpose, and such work is absorbed in broader customer service activities.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)

	FY 1979	FY 1980	FY 1981	FY 1982
		Amo	unt	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
		(mill	ions)	
Total TVA budget	\$4,873	\$5,259	\$5,646	\$6,382
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated
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Total CLO budget (note a)	\$155	\$299	\$262	\$278
		Nur	mber	
	Actual	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Authorized
TVA staff:			•	
Full-time	17,065	16,523	15,672	N/A
Other	32,876	35,186	34,422	n/a
Total	49,941	51,709	50,094	N/A
CLO staff:				
Professional staff:				
Full-time	5	4	4	4
Other	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>
Total	5	4	4	4
Support staff:				
Full-time	3	3	4	3
Other	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	4	<u>3</u>
Total (note b)	8	<u> </u>	8	7
Estimated total staff years spen outside CLO on congressionally related matters (note c)		4	4	4

a/Since TVA's administrative offices are not located in Washington, D.C., it incurs certain rental and communications expenses to specifically support the CLO functions. These expenses, which are not included in the above CLO budget figures, are as follows: 1979, \$55,000; 1980, \$45,000; 1981, \$45,000; and 1982, \$49,000.

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b/The office has two principal functions: (1) legislative liaison and (2) administrative liaison with the Executive Office of the President and other Federal agencies. The numbers presented are for staff equivalent persons, time, or budget devoted to legislative liaison only.

c/The estimates of staff years apply to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Planning and Budget, the TVA organizations (other than the Washington office) with principal responsibilities for legislative and appropriations matters. As in the case of other departments and agencies, other TVA officials are occasionally involved in these matters through congressional testimony and the like, but accurate estimates of their time are not available.

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