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


#### Abstract

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 staffing and budget information for congressional liaison offices in 19 executive departments and independent agencies.




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# United States General Accounting Office <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548 

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,


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

| Fexteral executive cegrartmenta | Total |  | Congressional liaison offices |  |  |  |  | Other staff years (note b) (estimated) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Number of Clios | Total budget | Staff |  |  |  |
|  | Budget | Staff |  |  | Professional | Support | Total |  |
|  | (millions) |  |  | (thousands) |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture | \$ 30,630 | 127,291 | 15 | \$1,817 | 32 | 16 | 48 | 14 |
| camuerce | 3.432 | 39,402 | 8 | c/2,157 | 41 | 26 | 67 | 54 |
| Energy | 12,180 | 19,330 | 1 | 1,735 | 36 | 12 | 48 | 5 |
| deducation | 14,895 | 6,488 | 1 | 860 | 17 | 6 | 23 | 144 |
| Health ard Human services | c/230,917 | 150,539 | 12 | c/6,984 | 1.24 | 54 | 178 | 175 |
| Housing and Urban Developnent: | 31,030 | 15,475 | 1 | 1,408 | 20 | 18 | 38 | 57 |
| Interior | 6,167 | 74,085 | 10 | 1,957 | 37 | 28 | 65 | 100 |
| Justica | 2,346 | 55,267 | 1 | d/1.073 | d/15 | d/11 | d/26 | 0 |
| Labror | c/29,818 | 21,508 | 1 | 1,119 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 51 |
| State | 2,015 | 17,164 | 1 | 1,414 | 20 | 17 | 37 | e/24 |
| Transportation | 23,439 | £/99,216 | 1 | 507 | 14 | 6 | g/24 | h/112 |
| Treasury | 3,843 | -119,875 | 5 | 994 | 19 | 8 | 27 | 81 |
| Indeperdent agencies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Envirommental Protection Agency | 1,462 | 12,754 | 1 | 1,417 | 25 | 12 | 37 | N/A |
| National Aenonautics and Space Administration | c/5,522 | 22,381 | 1 | c/755 | 18 | 9 | 27 | (i) |
| Gentral services Administration | $\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{1750} \\ \mathrm{k} / 1,648 \end{array}$ | 34,021 | 1 | 294 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 27 |
| Sinall Business Administration | - 202 | 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 |
| Ternessee Valley Murthority | 5,646 | 50,094 | 1 | 262 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 |

a/Inoonsistency in reporting and functional differences in Federal departments and agencies may result in unreliable camparisons. Specific qualifying statements are provided as footnotes on each department or agency table in app. II.
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 CIOs in the various Justice components comprised of 56 professional and 33 support staff. Budget. infonation for these components is unavailable.
e/Actual.
f/Includes 59,456 civilian and 39,760 Coast Guard personnel.
g/Includes four Comst Guard personnel.
h/Includes both civilian and Coast Guard staff.
1/Less than one.
$j / G e n e r a l$ services Administration direct appropriation.
$\underline{k}$ /rederal building fund (General Services Administration standard level user charges).

| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY 1979 | FY 1980 | FY 1981 | FY 1982 |
|  | Amount |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | - - - - | - - (mil | )- - - | - - - - |
| Total Agriculture budget | \$24,544 | \$24,897 | \$30,630 | \$25,546 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
| Total CLO budget | \$1,681 | \$1,950 | \$1,817 | \$1,804 |
|  | Number |  |  |  |
|  | 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 | $\underline{127,437}$ | $\underline{127,291}$ | $\underline{a / 117,000}$ |
| CLO staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Professional staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 28 | 33 | 30 | 32 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 29 | 33 | 32 | 32 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 19 | 19 | 16 | 17 |
| Total | 48 | 52 | 48 | $\underline{49}$ |
| Estimated total staff year outside CLO an congressi related matters | 11 | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| a/Staff years. |  |  |  |  |


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 ENEPRGY

| FY 1979 | FY 1980 | FY 1981 | Amount |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Actual | Actual | Actual | Budgeted |

-     -         -             -                 -                     -                         -                             -                                 - (millions) - - - - - - - - -

| Total Energy budget | \$10,868 | \$12,288 | \$12,180 | \$12,853 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Budgeted |
| Total CLO budget | \$ 1,620 | \$ 1,860 | \$ 1,735 | \$ 2,183 |


|  | Number |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 | 36 | 35 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 5 | 12 | 12 | 11 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6 | 13 | 12 | 11 |
| Total | 48 | 55 | 48 | 46 |
| Estimated total staff yea outside CLO on congres related matters | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 |



|  | FY 1979 | FY 1980 | FY 1981 | FY 1982 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Estimated | Estimated |
|  | ---- | - - (mil | (ns)- - - | - - - - |
| Total HHS budget | \$170,303 | \$194,703 | \$230,917 | \$252,061 |
|  | Estimated | Estimated | Estimated | Estimated |
|  | - - - - - - - (thousands) - - - - - - - |  |  |  |
| Total CLO budget | \$6,110 | \$6,617 | \$6,984 | b/\$6,756 |
|  | Number |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
| HHS staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Pull-time | 136,1.15 | 136,364 | 133,600 | N/A |
| Other | 12,993 | 14,461 | 16,939 | N/A |
| Total | 149,108 | $\underline{150,825}$ | 150,539 | 135,316 |
| Clo staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Professional staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 135 | 122 | 112 | 127 |
| Other | 5 | 4 | 12 | 1 |
| Total | 140 | 126 | 124 | 128 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 54 | 50 | 44 | 47 |
| Other | 7 | 8 | 10 | 7 |
| Total | 61 | 58 | 54 | 54 |
| Total (note c) | $\underline{201}$ | 184 | 178 | $\underline{182}$ |
| Estimated total staff years spent. outside CLO on congressionally |  |  |  |  |

a/Department of Education resources are included in fiscal year 1979 and are part of fiscal year 1990 departmental totals.
b/Social Security Administration (SSA) information was not available for fiscal year 1982.
c/The CLDs 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 suknit 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 fisoal 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 Aministration-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 oontributed by many persons.

a/HD 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.

During the May-October 1981 period, the 11 HWD 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 Ongress, 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.

|  | FY 1979 | FY 1980 | FY 1981 | FY 1982 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | --- | - - - (mi | ns)- - - | ----- - |
| Total Interior budget | \$5,943 | \$6,587 | \$6,167 | \$5,740 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | ---- | - - (tho | ds)- - - | ----- - |
| Total CLO budget | \$1,675 | \$1,794 | \$1,957 | \$1,995 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 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 | 36 | 38 | 37 | 38 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Other | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| Total | 27 | 27 | 28 | 28 |
| Total | 63 | $\underline{\underline{65}}$ | -65 | 66 |
| Estimated total staff outside CLO on congr related matters (note | 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | - - - - | - - (mil | ns) - - - | - - - - |
| Total Justice budget | \$2,510 | \$2,513 | \$2,346 | \$2,470 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual |  |
|  | --- | - - (tho | ds) - - - | ----- |
| Total CLO budget (note a) | \$895 | \$1,003 | \$1,073 | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Authorized |
| Justice staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 51,548 | 53,089 | 51,985 | 52,970 |
| Other | 3,913 | 3,238 | 3,282 | 0 |
| Total | 55,461 | 56,327 | 55,267 | 52,970 |
| CLO staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Professional staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 12 | 15 | 14 | 14 |
| Other | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 14 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 12 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| Other | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Total | 26 | 26 | 26 | $\underline{25}$ |
| Estimated total staff year outside CLO on congressi 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


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 |
|  | Amount |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
| Total State budget | \$1,612 | \$1,922 | \$2,015 | \$2,219 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
| Total CLO budget | \$1,125 | \$1,256 | \$1,414 | \$1,585 |
|  | Number |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Budgeted |
| State staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Americans | 10,114 | 10,044 | 10,257 | 10,568 |
| Foreign Service 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 Other

Total

Support staff: Full-time Other

Total
Total
Estimated total staff years spent outside CLO on congressionally related matters (note b) 24
$19 \quad 21$
2120
-

20
21

14
14
16
37

34
2
15

4

0

14

14
7

21
$\underline{\underline{42}}$
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 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

|  | FY 1979 | FY 1980 | FY 1981 | FY 1982 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | - - - - | - - (mi | ( ) - - - | - - - - - |
| Total EPA budget (note a) | \$1,337 | \$1,373 | \$1,462 | \$1,278 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Projected |
|  | ---- | - - - (tho | ds) - - - | ---- |
| Total CLO budget | \$1,145 | \$1,729 | \$1,417 | \$811 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 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 | $\underline{12,754}$ | 12,861 |
| CLO staff (note b): <br> Professional staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 23 | 23 | 19 | 12 |
| Other | 9 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Total | 32 | 31 | 25 | 16 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 14 | 11 | 8 | 5 |
| Other | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Total | 15 | 15 | 12 | 8 |
| Total | 47 | 46 | 37 | 23 |
| Estimated total staff years outside CLO on congressio related matters (note c) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

a/Excludes construction grants.
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.

|  | FY 1979 | FY 1980 | FY 1981 | FY 1982 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Estimated | Estimated |
| Total NASA budget | - - - - | - - - - | lions)- - | - - - - |
|  | \$4,559 | \$5,243 | \$5,522 | \$5,953 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | - - - - - - - (thousands)- - - - - - - |  |  |  |
| Total CLO budget | \$629 | \$671 | \$755 | \$883 |


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 1 work year in liaison activities directly related to congressional appropriations work.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

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

a/Of the total number of positions listed for each fiscal year, 13 positions are involved exclusively with Veteran's case work for Menbers of Congress, the remainder of the staff deals with aspects such as legislation, program, and policy isaues.
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 menbers 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ampunt |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual |  |
|  | --- | - - - (m | ons)--- | ----- |
| Total SBA budget (note a) | \$172 | \$194 | \$202 | N/A |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual |  |
|  | - - - | - - - ${ }^{\text {th }}$ | ds)- - - | ----- |
| Total CLO budget | \$417 | \$518 | \$492 | N/A |
|  | Number |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | 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 | $\underline{\mathrm{b}}$ 5,196 |
| CLO staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Professional staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 12 | 10 | 10 | N/A |
| Other | 0 | 1 | 1 | N/A |
| Total | 12 | 11 | 11 | N/A |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 2 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| Total | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{2}$ | 3 | N/A |
| Total | 14 | 13 | 14 | N/A |
| Estimated total staff years spent |  |  |  |  |

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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | ---- | - - (mi | ons)- - - | - - - - |
| Total USPS budget | \$17,705 | \$19,559 | \$21,486 | \$23,382 |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
|  | --- | - - - (tho | nds) - - - | - - - - |
| Total CLO budget | \$1,284 | \$1,481 | \$1,682 | \$1,999 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimated |
| USPS staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 533,749 | 536,373 | 544,557 | 544,349 |
| Other | 129,318 | 130,450 | 125,682 | 124,676 |
| Total | 663,067 | 666,823 | 670,239 | 669,025 |
|  |  |  |  | Budgeted |
| CLO staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Professional staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 30 | 31 | 33 | 33 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 30 | 31 | 33 | 33 |
| Support staff: |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 15 | 20 | 19 | 21 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 15 | 20 | 19 | 21 |
| Total | $\underline{45}$ | 51 | $\underline{52}$ | $\underline{54}$ |
| Estimated total staff y outside CLO an congre related matters (note | 8 | 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 same 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)

a/Since TVA's administrative offices are not located in Washington, D.C., it incurs certain rental and commanications expenses to specifically support the CIO 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.
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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