

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ITEM 158 of the Budget Bill

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Budget line No. 60

For Support of the Department of Justice From the General Fund

Amount requested .....	\$2,842,949
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year.....	2,727,633
Increase (4.2 percent) .....	\$115,316

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages.....	\$100,743	\$100,743	---	533	31
Operating expense .....	3,594	3,594	---	533	32
Equipment .....	—15,977	—15,977	---	533	33
Less:					
Increased reimbursement for teletype service to other agencies .....	—60,000	—60,000	---	533	37
Plus:					
Decreased reimburse- ment for:					
Fingerprints .....	25,000	25,000	---	533	38
Office rent .....	1,456	1,456	---	533	41
Services to other agencies .....	60,500	60,500	---	523	18
Total increase .....	\$115,316	\$115,316	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted .....	\$2,842,949
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	2,842,949
Reduction .....	None

ANALYSIS

The budget request for the 1953-54 Fiscal Year is based on the continuation of the same program contained in the current fiscal year. No provision has been made for any new or expanded service.

The increase of \$100,743 in salaries and wages is due to normal salary adjustments and to an anticipated reduction in vacant positions. Only one proposed new position of intermediate clerk at \$2,640 per year is requested. This position is justified on a work load basis. The 2.5 Deputy Attorney General positions as continued in the 1953-54 budget requests were allowed by the Legislature for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year only, pending work load statistics to be presented with the 1953-54 budget request.

A system of reporting was placed in effect as of July 1, 1952. The data being developed will include the following:

1. The legal case load per agency represented.
2. The legal case load per area office of the Attorney General.
3. The legal case load per Deputy Attorney General.
4. Quantitative measures by type of case and litigation.
5. Case load comparisons.
6. Deputy Attorney General time spent on each case and by type of litigation.
7. How the time of the Deputy Attorney General is spent in the conduct of the case of litigation.

8. Administrative or supervisory time spend in the conduct of legal functions.
9. The tenure or existence of each case or work load species within the legal functions.
10. The status of each item of litigation.
11. Costs:
  - a. Those pertinent to litigation handled.
  - b. Those pertinent to the agencies represented upon which will be based the charges for reimbursements from these agencies.

The statistics compiled to date cover such a short period of time that they cannot be used for evaluation purposes.

We recommend that the 2.5 Deputy Attorney General positions be continued for the Fiscal Year 1953-54. A review of the work load figures now being developed will be made before the 1954-55 Fiscal Year to determine if the continuation of these positions is justified on a work load basis.

Proposed items of expenditure for the 1953-54 Fiscal Year showing significant change over the 1952-53 budget request are as follows:

<i>Administration</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Rent-building space -----	\$4,900	---
Decrease is due to move from paid rental space of administrative office and staff to library and courts building where no rental will be charged.		
Moving -----	---	\$2,765
Increase is caused by consolidation of offices in library and courts building.		
Automobile additional -----	---	3,450
Amount is to be expended on a new automobile for the Attorney General.		
Teletype reimbursements -----	---	60,000
In the 1952-53 Fiscal Year \$40,000 from the Motor Vehicle Fund for teletype service for the Department of Motor Vehicles and California Highway Patrol was shown as a special item, No. 165, in the Budget Bill. For the 1953-54 Fiscal Year \$30,000 is shown in the support budget for the California Highway Patrol and \$30,000 for the Department of Motor Vehicles. The increased cost of \$20,000 for the two agencies is based on the findings of a preliminary survey made by the Department of Finance.		
<i>Division of Civil Law</i>		
Cost of suit -----	---	4,900
Increase is due to the transfer from other current expenses of \$4,900 anticipated to be expended on bank tax litigation.		
Library additional -----	---	7,000
For additional books for library.		
<i>Division of Criminal Law and Enforcement</i>		
Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement		
Radio additional -----	---	5,850
The total amount requested for the 1953-54 Fiscal Year is \$10,200. This amount is to be expended on two-way radio equipment for 17 cars used in the field for narcotic enforcement.		

We recommend approval of the budget as submitted.