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A001 Agency Administration

Agency Administration provides administrative and management support to the Public Disclosure Commission.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	2.8	2.8	2.8
GFS	\$312,000	\$288,000	\$600,000
Other	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	\$312,000	\$289,000	\$601,000

*FTE is second year only

Statewide Result Area: Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

Statewide Strategy: Support democratic processes and government accountability

Expected Results

Provides critical support to public access and enforcement of disclosure laws activities and, therefore, makes a vital contribution to the success of the Public Disclosure Commission's (PDC) core mission.

A002 Enforcement of Public Disclosure Laws

The Public Disclosure Commission monitors whether persons subject to public disclosure laws file timely reports and comply with other provisions of the law. The agency reviews approximately 70 complaints from the public annually, the vast majority relating to provisions of the campaign financing statutes. The commission initiates investigations, produces reports, and enforces the public disclosure laws, including hearing enforcement cases and imposing penalties on violators.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	3.8	4.4	4.4
GFS	\$430,000	\$495,000	\$925,000
Other	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total	\$430,000	\$497,000	\$927,000

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Expected Results

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PDC has two enforcement related performance measures: the percentage of candidates, political committees, lobbyists, and public officials who meet statutory filing deadlines and the number and percentage of routine investigations completed within 90 days. In addition to overseeing compliance with filing deadlines, PDC also receives annually approximately 70 complaints of alleged violations from the public. The agency is working to decrease the amount of time it takes to bring complaints to resolution by instituting a case tracking system that sets a 90-day goal for completion of routine investigations. The agency must take into account interruptions caused by 45-day letter investigations (see RCW 42.17.400) and the fact that enforcement staff have other duties, including assisting filers to comply with the law, which accounts for approximately 40 percent of their work time. During Fiscal Year 2004, 85 percent of enforcement cases were closed within 180 days, with 32 percent completed within 90 days.

Average number of days from receipt of electronically filed campaign reports to posting on web site					
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance	
2005-07	8th Qtr	1	1	0	
	4th Qtr	1	1	0	

Number of routine investigations completed within 90 days.					
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance	
2005-07	8th Qtr	35	29	(6)	
	4th Qtr	50	32	(18)	

Percentage of candidates, lobbyists, lobbyist employers and public officials who meet statutory filing deadlines.					
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance	
2005-07	8th Qtr	96%	99%	3%	
	4th Qtr	96%	96%	0%	

The percentage of routine investigations completed within 90 days.					
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance	
2005-07	8th Qtr	60%	62%	2%	
	4th Qtr	45%	59%	14%	

A003 Provide Public Access to Certain Campaign, Lobbying and Financial Information

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The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) provides full and timely public access to political finance data by maintaining a secure, comprehensive website, and developing and maintaining electronic filing alternatives for campaigns, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and personal financial affairs filers. The agency assists filers in fulfilling statutory reporting requirements by providing training, instructional manuals, help screens, and telephone and e-mail assistance. Commission staff enters, reviews, and maintains data required of campaigns, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and others to ensure the uniformity and accuracy of the data.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	17.9	18.3	18.3
GFS	\$1,257,000	\$1,287,000	\$2,544,000
Other	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
Total	\$1,257,000	\$1,294,000	\$2,551,000

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Expected Results

According to RCW 42.17.461, copies of campaign and lobbying disclosure reports, or data from those reports, filed electronically are to be available on the PDC's web site within two business days of receipt by the agency. In fact, data from electronically filed reports are immediately available and images of these reports are accessible within 15 minutes of being sent by the filer. For campaigns and lobbyists filing on paper, copies of the reports or data are to be available within four business days of receipt. Actual performance shows that images of paper reports are Internet-accessible the same day the reports are received, and data from selected campaigns are also entered by PDC staff within an average of two days.

Average number of days from receipt of electronically filed campaign reports to posting on web site				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	1	1	0
	4th Qtr	1	1	0

Grand Total

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	24.5	25.5	25.5
GFS	\$1,999,000	\$2,070,000	\$4,069,000
Other	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$1,999,000	\$2,080,000	\$4,079,000

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