

Joint Committee on Appropriations  
FY2015  
Department of Tribal Relations

In response to the Committee's questions as a supplement:

- i. **What activities will your agency eliminate, initiate, or significantly change?**  
Tribal Relations does not plan to eliminate or significantly change any activities for FY 2015. However, the department did receive a Bush Foundation Grant to initiate Tribal-State Relations Capacity Building. The project outcome can ultimately assist in improving relations and creating a dispute resolution process between tribal governments and other governments within the State of South Dakota. The project outputs will produce a feasibility plan for an entity that can assist tribal and non-tribal governments resolve conflicts. The project will also update a 1974 study through researching current issues and conditions of tribal-state relations.
- ii. **What initiatives for improving efficiency of operations are planned in FY15?**  
We are always looking for ways to improve efficiencies and we continually update our website and provide links that are useful resources for our constituents.
- iii. **What are the standards of performance or metrics by which you judge the success and efficiencies of your agency's outcomes?**  
  
The primary performance metrics are listed in the budget performance indicators in the Governor's Budget Book page 07-2.
- iv. **What funds from FY14 are planned to be applied to FY15 activities? Are these amounts in addition to amounts contained in the Governor's FY15 budget:**  
  
None at this time.
- v. **What are your plans regarding amending the FY14 General Bill?**  
  
Increase in internal service rates and health insurance rate increase.
- vi. **What programs and services offered by your agency have been, or will be affected by federal budget reductions due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 or other actions by the federal government? Were General Funds and/or Other Funds used to support the continuation of these programs or services?**  
  
Tribal Relations does not receive any federal funds.