

Sample Questions for Each Item of the Base Bill (the ongoing funding for each entity):

1. What are we “buying”?

a. Review the division/program’s mission, goals, objectives:

- i. Are they meaningful and specific enough?
- ii. Are there activities above the statutory mission?

b. Additional questions to consider:

- i. What value does this division/program add to society?
- ii. Should the public continue to pay for these services?
- iii. Why is state government providing these services? Could this function be done by the private sector?
- iv. What will happen if the division/program is eliminated or downsized?
- v. What other entities (state, local, federal, private) are performing similar functions? Is there an overlap?

2. How well has this “investment” performed in the past? What are the goals for the future?

a. Review the performance measures:

- i. Are they meaningful?
- ii. How well do they tie to the organization’s mission, goals, and objectives?
- iii. Are the targets reasonable?

3. Do we want to change the amount and/or the purpose?