Questions Legislators Might Ask During Budget Effectiveness Review

1. What is your organization’s mission/purpose?
2. How do you know you’re successful?
3. How successful were you last year and in the first half of this year?
4. What have you done to become more productive?
5. Have you reduced costs or increased revenue through this efficiency? By how much?
6. Who else does things similar to what you do? (state, federal or local; public or private; etc.)?
   a. How are you coordinating your efforts with those other entities?
   b. Where do you overlap with one another?
7. What is your budget as we appropriated it for the current year (FY 2014)?
8. How has that budget changed since the last General Session and why?
9. What is the status of projects/programs for which you received budget increases in the past two years (FY 2013 – FY 2014)?
   a. Did they cost as much as you thought?
   b. Were they implemented on-time?
   c. If not, what did you do with the funding difference?
10. What is your base budget and how will it change from your current year budget?
11. How are federal funds changing in your base, and what are your contingency plans for loss of those funds?
12. What would your organization look like if you had to reduce expenditures by two percent? What specific functions or programs would you no longer perform?