



Public Information Office
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Records Access Officer

**THE ASSEMBLY
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ALBANY**

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

You have recently requested various documents from the Assembly. Specifically, you have requested the following:

- 1) All records delineating the process by which the proposed legislative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 was compiled. As the Assembly maintains no records describing the process by which the Legislative Budget for fiscal year 2014-15 was compiled, this request is denied.
- 2) Any "commentary" or "recommendations" that Governors have ever made to the Legislature concerning the Legislature's proposed budgets. Please be advised that the function of this office is to respond to requests for records maintained by the Assembly, not to conduct historical research. Given that the New York State Assembly was originally constituted in 1683, you may wish to contact the State Library for such purpose. In relation to records maintained by the Assembly, no record of any commentary or recommendations of the Governor in response to the Legislature's budgets has been located. As such, this request is denied.
- 3) Copies of "fringe benefit costs" presented in the past fifteen years, and if no general state charges are found for the past fifteen years, you are requesting that the Assembly search through all the Legislature's proposed budgets until such charges are located. Again, it is not the function of this office to conduct historical research. As the Assembly maintains no record of fringe benefit costs presented in relation to the Legislature's budget, this request is also denied.

Enclosed is a copy of Public Officers Law §88 and Rule VIII of the Assembly Rules. Also enclosed is the brochure, "A Guide to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records." If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Robin Marilla