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**Subject:** Follow-Up to Yesterday's E-Mail: "QUESTIONS... (2) the fiscal committees' Jan. 15, 2019 announcement of their joint budget hearings; & (3) "full-time" v. "part-time" legislators  
**Attachments:** 5-16-18-ltr-to-underwood-revised.pdf

### TO: Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger

As discussed a short time ago with your session assistant, Ian Stewart, below is my yesterday's e-mail to Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Seward itemizing three questions— to which you were an indicated recipient, as likewise Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein, ESQ. and Ranking Member Barclay, ESQ.

Earlier this afternoon, upon calling Senator Seward's office (518-455-3131), I was told by his legislative director, Duncan Davie, that Senator Seward would not be answering any of the three questions – and that if I wanted an answer to the second question as to what specific constitutional provisions were being referred-to by the fiscal committees' January 15, 2019 announcement of the joint budget hearings: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2019/liz-krueger/legislature-announces-joint-budget-hearing-schedule-view>, referring to "provisions of the New York State Constitution concerning the approval of the state budget by April 1<sup>st</sup>", I would have to get it from you – or from Assemblywoman Weinstein. According to Mr. Davie, Senator Seward would not assist me in obtaining your answer and was unconcerned as to whether, in fact, the budget hearing announcement was accurate – or whether the Legislature was adhering to the state constitution in this or any other respect.

So there would be no mistake as to what Mr. Davie told me – the smallest fraction of which is hereinabove recited – I asked that he put it in writing. Indeed, immediately following my phone conversation with your session assistant, I called Senator Seward's office a second time and reiterated that request in a voice mail message for Mr. Davie.

Therefore, consistent with what Mr. Davie instructed, pertaining to my below e-mail, please answer my second question as to the constitutional provisions being referred-to by your January 15<sup>th</sup> budget hearing announcement – and, also, my third question as to whether you are a "full-time" or "part-time" legislator.

Thank you.

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