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Subject: **Questions about the Legislature's FY2026-27 Budget & the Legislative Portions of the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001**

Attachments: [1-28-26-questions-for-stewart-cousins-heastie.pdf](#)

TO: [New York State Senators](#)

Above-attached, for you to each answer, in discharge of the duties of your offices, is CJA's memo of today's date, sent to Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie, by the below.

Thank you.

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TO: [Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins](#)
[Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie](#)

Above-attached is CJA's memo to you of today's date with questions for you to answer, culminating in question #40, asking:

“Would you be willing to publicly give your answers to the above questions pertaining to the Legislature's FY2026-27 budget and Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001 at a legislative hearing on the Legislature's own budget and, if not, why?” (underlining in the original).

Inasmuch as I have, for years, furnished you with comparable, if not identical, questions, you should be able to readily respond.

Thank you.

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