General Legal Activities

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I. Overview

The General Legal Activities (GLA) appropriation is requesting a total of 3,601 permanent positions, 4,374 FTE (including 793 reimbursable FTE) and $899,000,000. This resource level includes program increases of 40 positions, 20 FTE, and $3,674,000, outlined below. The FY 2018 request also includes net adjustments-to-base (ATBs) of -129 FTE and $4,024,000. Specific details about individual programs are discussed in the budget justifications of the respective General Legal Activities components.

II. Summary of Program Changes

Civil Division
Immigration Enforcement: 20 positions, 10 FTE and $1.876 million

Environment & Natural Resources Division
Immigration Enforcement (Land Acquisition Section): 20 positions, 10 FTE, and $1.798 million
III. Appropriations Language and Analysis of Appropriations Language

A. Appropriations Language

New language proposed for FY 2018 is italicized and underlined.

Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities

For expenses necessary for the legal activities of the Department of Justice, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed $20,000 for expenses of collecting evidence, to be expended under the direction of, and to be accounted for solely under the certificate of, the Attorney General; and rent of private or Government-owned space in the District of Columbia, [$893,000,000] $899,000,000, of which not to exceed $20,000,000 for litigation support contracts shall remain available until expended: Provided, That of the amount provided for INTERPOL Washington dues payments, not to exceed $685,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed $9,000 shall be available to INTERPOL Washington for official reception and representation expenses: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 205 of this Act, upon a determination by the Attorney General that emergent circumstances require additional funding for litigation activities of the Civil Division, the Attorney General may transfer such amounts to "Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities" from available appropriations for the current fiscal year for the Department of Justice, as may be necessary to respond to such circumstances: Provided further, That any transfer pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be treated as a reprogramming under section [505]504 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: Provided further, That of the amount appropriated, such sums as may be necessary shall be available to the Civil Rights Division for salaries and expenses associated with the election monitoring program under section 8 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10305) and to reimburse the Office of Personnel Management for such salaries and expenses: Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading for the election monitoring program, $3,390,000 shall remain available until expended.

In addition, for reimbursement of expenses of the Department of Justice associated with processing cases under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, not to exceed [$9,358,000] $9,340,000, to be appropriated from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund.
B. Analysis of Appropriations Language

The FY 2018 request does not propose any changes in the General Legal Activities appropriations language.

IV. Program Activity Justification*

V. Program Increases by Item*

*Please refer to individual GLA component exhibits