Questions for Aileen re: MTS

1. Super quick breakdown of MTS, CARS, GTAS, DATA Act to ensure we know acronyms
2. What is your understanding for the relationship between MTS and DATA Act data?
   1. CARS -
   2. MTS
      1. Sources for MTS data: it says reported by Federal entities, disbursing officers, and Federal Reserve banks… but later says MTS is assembled from CARS…?
      2. MTS: “Outlays of off-budget Federal entities are excluded by law from budget totals. However, they are shown separately and combined with the onbudget outlays to display total Federal outlays.”
   3. DATA Act
3. Gross outlays
   1. How do we get gross outlay data?
   2. How does MTS get gross outlay data?
   3. What are plausible explanations for why these would be off?
   4. Does on-budget vs. off-budget matter?
4. Why does it appear the DATA Act’s gross outlays data is much higher than MTS for most agencies? Are we capturing something MTS is not?
5. Could these differences be driven from warnings?
   1. Agency/warning breakdown pending spreadsheet from Mica.
6. Could it be from double counting with regards to agency transfers?
   1. Do we only count outlays by the receiver of funds?
      1. (T/F?) EOP🡪 State money, but only place that pops up is a line for state’s outlays, but tagged that it came from EOP originally. EOP doesn’t report that transfer amount
      2. (T/F?) I wouldn’t know how much total EOP has given State up to this point in time until it pops up as an obligation or outlay for State.
   2. If we have time...
7. Does MTS report out on all sources of money, or just outlays from appropriations?
   1. total budget authority Sankey ([DOE federal account example](https://beta.usaspending.gov/#/federal_account/2715)) left will include balance brought forward, other budg resources, and new approp.
   2. We capture obligations from all of those. Is it possible MTS isn’t capturing outlays if the original source is different? Or does it all go into a total budget authority pot and then out to obligations/outlays?

# Understanding TAS Balances/File A

1. Why would these be different?
   1. Reporting Agency
      1. Sometimes can be the awarding, not funding
   2. Submission agency
      1. Ex: ARC transfers money to army corps of engineers, transportation, commerce, usda,… in tasbalances\_data\_07-11\_pivot\_explore

# How are we off by so much?

1. About 1/3 – DoD 🡪 OK for now?
   1. DoD in DATA Act is still 206B more than MTS, so this doesn’t seem like the problem that they haven’t YET submitted data…?
2. About 1/3 – Treasury 🡪 DA > MTS by 178B
   1. Outlays for debt, interest included in one but not the other?
   2. Interest on the debt is recognized on accrual basis—is it possible MTS is thus missing this, but we’re somehow receiving Treasury outlay data related to this?
3. About 1/3 – HHS 🡪 DA > MTS by 194B
   1. ???

# Drew (8/7)

1. What are large changes in our own API/database data due to?
   1. from agencies fixing things and then re-certifying? (Yes)
   2. Errors but certified anyway? (Yes)