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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [ivy.frye@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:02 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Cell phone reimbursement

Here's the latest with personal cell phone reimbursement. In sum, it's as I thought--questions of confidentiality are still unanswered by Law. Kim Garnero (Finance director) thinks that personal emails on a personal device would be confidential and not subject to subpoena, however the question is still unanswered by Law.

I'm just getting to the office and will follow up with Kim on a timeframe of when we'll hear back with a legal opinion. I'll also ask if personal emails have always been routed through the state server.

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA); Swanson, Eric W (DOA)
Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I believe that's true, although I don't know for sure. Eric, have you signed any for Admin?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:48 PM
To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Are state employees currently signing up for reimbursement without the opinion from law?

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From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 13:33:16 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:29 PM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

When do you expect to hear back from law?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:39:37 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I'm hesitant to go too far on the confidentiality questions until we hear from Law. I would think personal emails on a personal device are confidential, but I'm not an attorney. I will send this question to Law to make sure that they address the confidentiality question in their response to us on the ethics boundaries.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Well that's understandable that state business could be subpoenaed off a personal device, but personal emails on a personal device are confidential? What type of situation would constitute subpoena of personal emails? I'm really just trying to weigh the benefits of a personal vs state device.

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:06:00 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

We are also waiting on Dept. of Law for confidentiality issues, but I can tell you that using a personal device results in much less probability of audit or ding by the state. It's a strong motivator to move to the personal device with allowance status.

That said, if you have state business on a personal device, it is possible that information could be subpoena'd or accessed through other "public access to information" avenues. This would be specific to a topic, not just the work of an individual.

Does this answer the question?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:56 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Thanks, Kim. I have your original email. My question is if we have a personal blackberry that we route our state email to, and also receive reimbursement from the state each month, and sign the reimbursement contract w the state, can our phone and email records be audited or can we as state employees be dinged in any way for having our personal and state emails route to the same device. I would gladly buy my own blackberry if it and its contents were truly mine. Any thoughts here?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:39:46 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

Hi Ivy,

The monthly allowance amounts for personal devices are now available. I sent out an email with the form and FAQs on March 7th. I'll forward to you.

Allowance is \$40 per month for cell and \$75 for Blackberry.

Not waiting for Law on this one. All we need is a form signed by supervisor and employee that the device is needed and that employee has opted to provide.

Waiting for Law to opine on the ethics issues regarding personal use of business assets.

After you see the next email, let me know if you have any other questions.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:03 AM

To: Garner, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

Kim,

Can you answer my questions below re: cell phone reimbursement? I should have probably asked you first.

Thanks,

Ivy

----- Original Message -----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 09:37:55 2008

Subject: Cell phone reimbursement

Commissioner,

Are the reimbursements available yet for personal cell phones? How much is the monthly reimbursement? Also, have we gotten an opinion from law on the reimbursement contract state employees must turn in to receive the reimbursement?

