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TO: Representative Paul Stam
FROM: Denise Harb, Fiscal Research Division
DATE: May 11, 2009
RE: Inflation-Adjusted General Fund Expenditures Since FY 2003-04

This memo responds to your request for General Fund expenditures in recent years. The table below summarizes General Fund expenditures since FY 2003-04 in both real (actual) dollars and in inflation-adjusted (2009) dollars; the shaded row in the table represents the inflation-adjusted expenditures. Also, the table shows expenditures in per-capita dollars based on the State's population.

General Fund Expenditures, FY 2003-04 – FY 2007-08

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Real Dollars					
Expenditures	\$14,676,583,540	15,753,167,545	16,977,479,136	18,455,735,426	20,162,586,930
North Carolina Population	8,409,878	8,523,400	8,661,253	8,845,556	9,041,821
Expenditures Per Capita	\$1,745	1,848	1,950	2,086	2,230
Constant Dollars (2009 Dollars)					
Inflation Factor*	188.9	195.3	201.6	207.3	215.2
Expenditures	\$16,518,001,813	17,150,144,456	17,906,152,951	18,924,056,254	19,917,709,230
North Carolina Population	8,409,878	8,523,400	8,661,263	8,845,556	9,041,821
Expenditures Per Capita	\$1,964	2,012	2,067	2,139	2,203

*CPI-U as reported by US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Current 2009 Inflation Factor = 212.6)

The consensus revenue estimate for the current fiscal year, released last week by Fiscal Research and the Office of State Budget and Management, indicates current year collections of approximately \$17,682,300,000. As seen in the table above, inflation-adjusted expenditures were last below that threshold in FY 2004-05.

You also asked when inflation-adjusted expenditures were last below \$19,541,502,609, a figure that represents the current-year estimated expenditures as estimated by the Office of State Budget and Management in late April of this year. As seen in the table above, inflation-adjusted expenditures were last below that threshold in FY 2006-07.

Please let me know if you have questions or if you need additional information.

Cc: Christin Danchi

Availability Statement: \$17.8 billion
Stimulus money offsets: 1.3 billion

**Availability for spending
Without tax increases: \$19.1 billion**