

Independent Counsel
(Dollars in thousands)

	Perm. Pos.	FTE	Amount
1999 actuals.....	\$22,774
2000 appropriation.....	9,500
2001 base.....	9,500
2001 estimate.....	9,500

Comparison by activity and program	2000 Appropriation			2001 Base			2001 Estimate			Increase/Decrease		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Independent Counsel.....	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500

Congress enacted a permanent indefinite appropriation to fund the expenses of Independent Counsel investigations and prosecutions in the 1988 Department of Justice Appropriations Act (P.L. 100-202). Under this appropriation, all necessary costs and expenses incurred in the pursuit of these investigations will be funded from amounts available in the Treasury. Independent Counsel investigations were authorized by Congress in the 1978 Ethics in Government Act. The authorization expired December 15, 1992, five years after the enactment of the Independent Counsel Reauthorization Act of 1987. However, the provisions of the chapter remained in effect for ongoing investigations. In June 1994, the Independent Counsel Reauthorization Act of 1994 was signed into law. On June 30, 1999, the Reauthorization Act of 1994 expired. To-date there has been no reauthorization.

Currently, expenses are being incurred for the following offices: Independent Counsels Starr, Smaltz, Barrett, Bruce, Lancaster, Thompson, Von Kann, and Pearson. Costs that are being incurred for the last three offices (Thompson, Von Kann, and Pearson) are related to close-out activities. The Department is also using this appropriation as the source of funding for the Office of Special Counsel Danforth (Waco Investigation). For FY 2001, costs of ongoing Independent Counsel investigations will vary depending upon the nature and duration of the investigations.