



## **Background Briefing**

# **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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**The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through January 1, 2010.**

# Attorney General

- **Executive Office of the Department and four bureaus:**
  - **Criminal Justice Bureau**
  - **Solicitor General**
  - **Consumer & Environmental Protection Bureau**
  - **Governmental Affairs Bureau**
  
- **Each bureau represents certain state agencies, boards, and commissions, and practices in specialized legal areas**
  
- **Unlike other state agencies, this Department does not operate or initiate programs**

# Attorney General

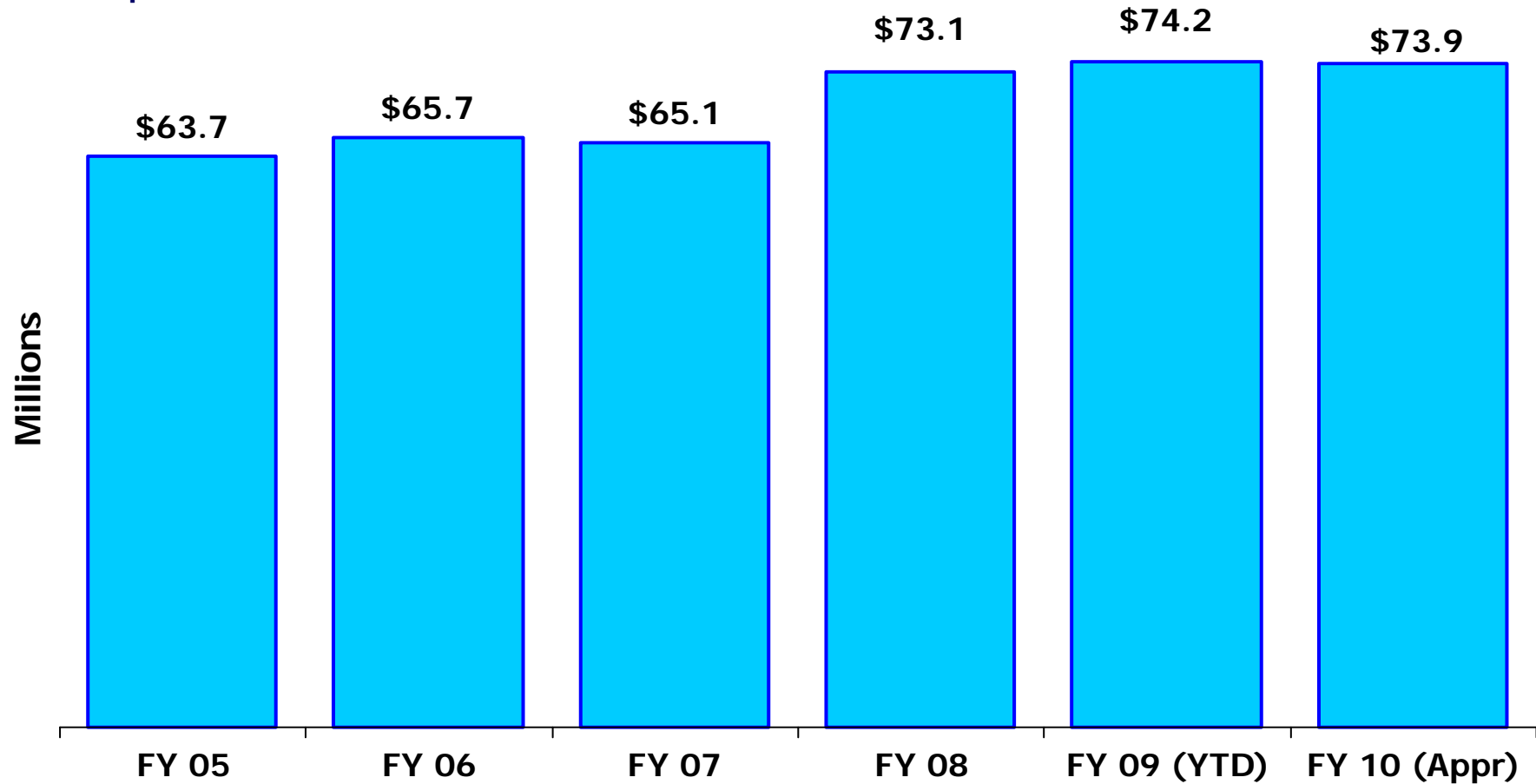
- **Criminal Justice Bureau**
  - Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division
  - Child Support Division
  - Children & Youth Services Division
  - Civil Rights Division
  - Criminal Division
  - Health Care Fraud Division
  
- **Solicitor General**
  - Appellate Division
  - Opinions
  
- **Consumer & Environmental Protection Bureau**
  - Consumer Protection Division
  - Corporate Oversight Division
  - Environment, Natural Resources, & Agriculture Division
  - Health, Education & Family Services Division
  - Labor Division
  - Licensing & Regulation Division
  
- **Governmental Affairs Bureau**
  - Corrections Division
  - Finance Division
  - Public Employment, Elections, & Tort Division
  - Public Service Division
  - Revenue & Collections Division
  - State Operations Division
  - Transportation Division

# Attorney General Responsibilities

- **Serve as chief law enforcement officer of the state**
- **Serve as legal counsel for state departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, and their officers**
- **Defend the state and state programs in court**
- **Bring actions and intervene in cases on the state's behalf**
- **Represent legislators and judges who may be sued while acting in their official capacities**
- **Issue opinions on questions of law submitted by members of the Legislature and others**

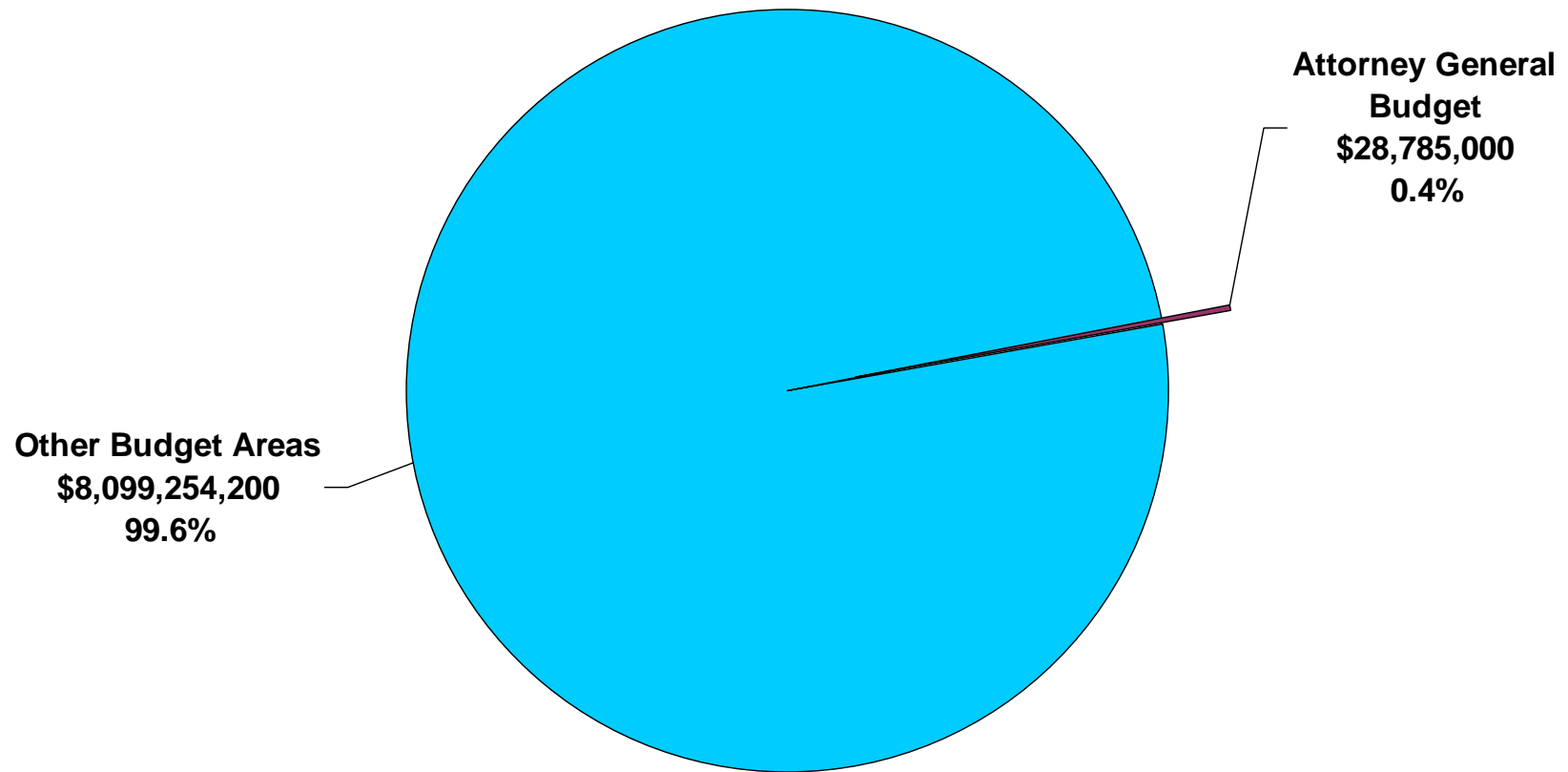
# Attorney General Budget

Attorney General spending increases primarily due to inflation; decreases due to budget reductions. Increase in FY 2008 due partially to reflecting new funds in the budget which were previously provided by other departments.



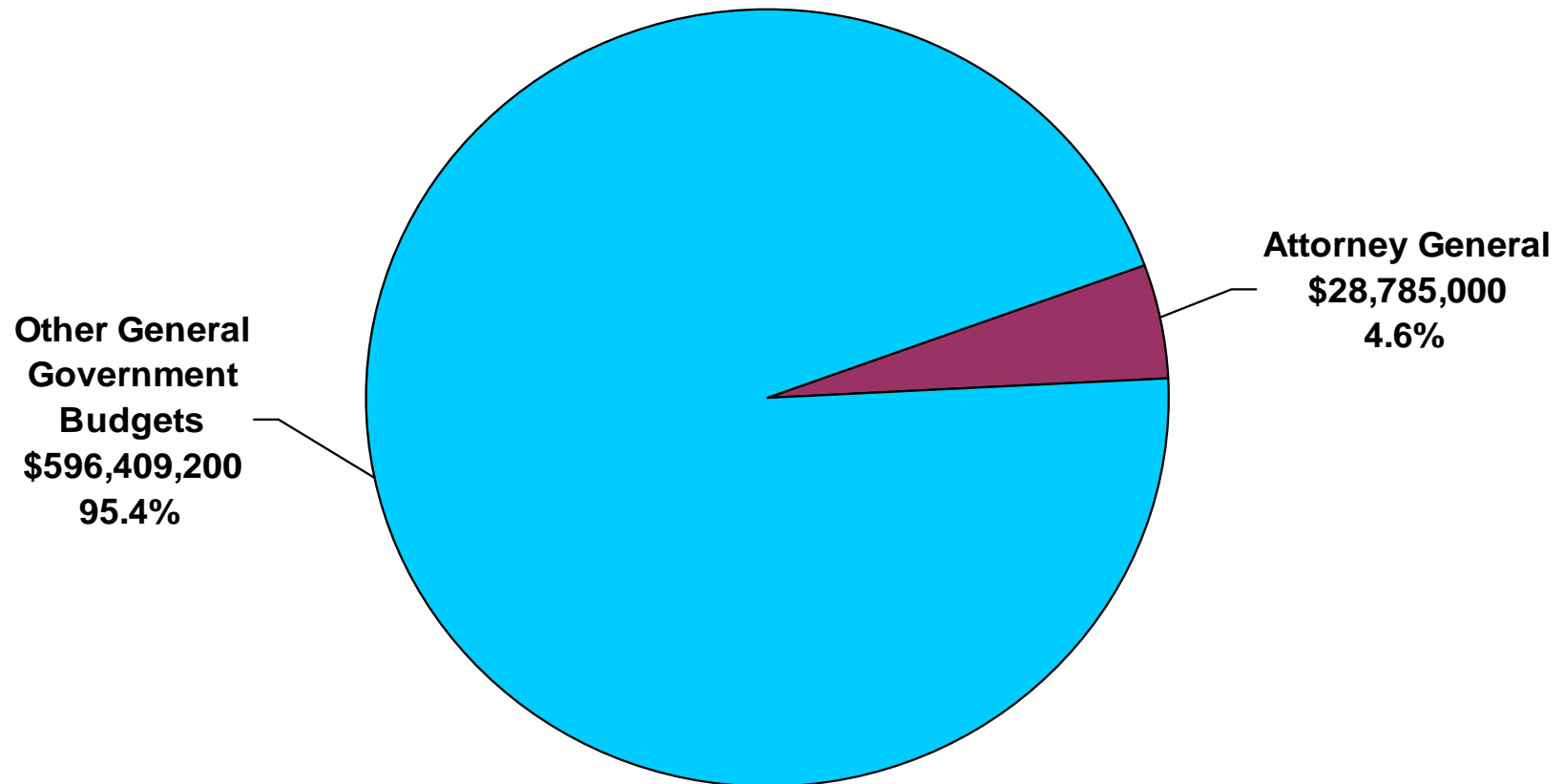
# Attorney General Share of State GF/GP

FY 2009-10 Total State GF/GP = \$8,128,039,200



# Attorney General Share of General Government GF/GP

FY 2009-10 GF/GP Total = \$625,194,200

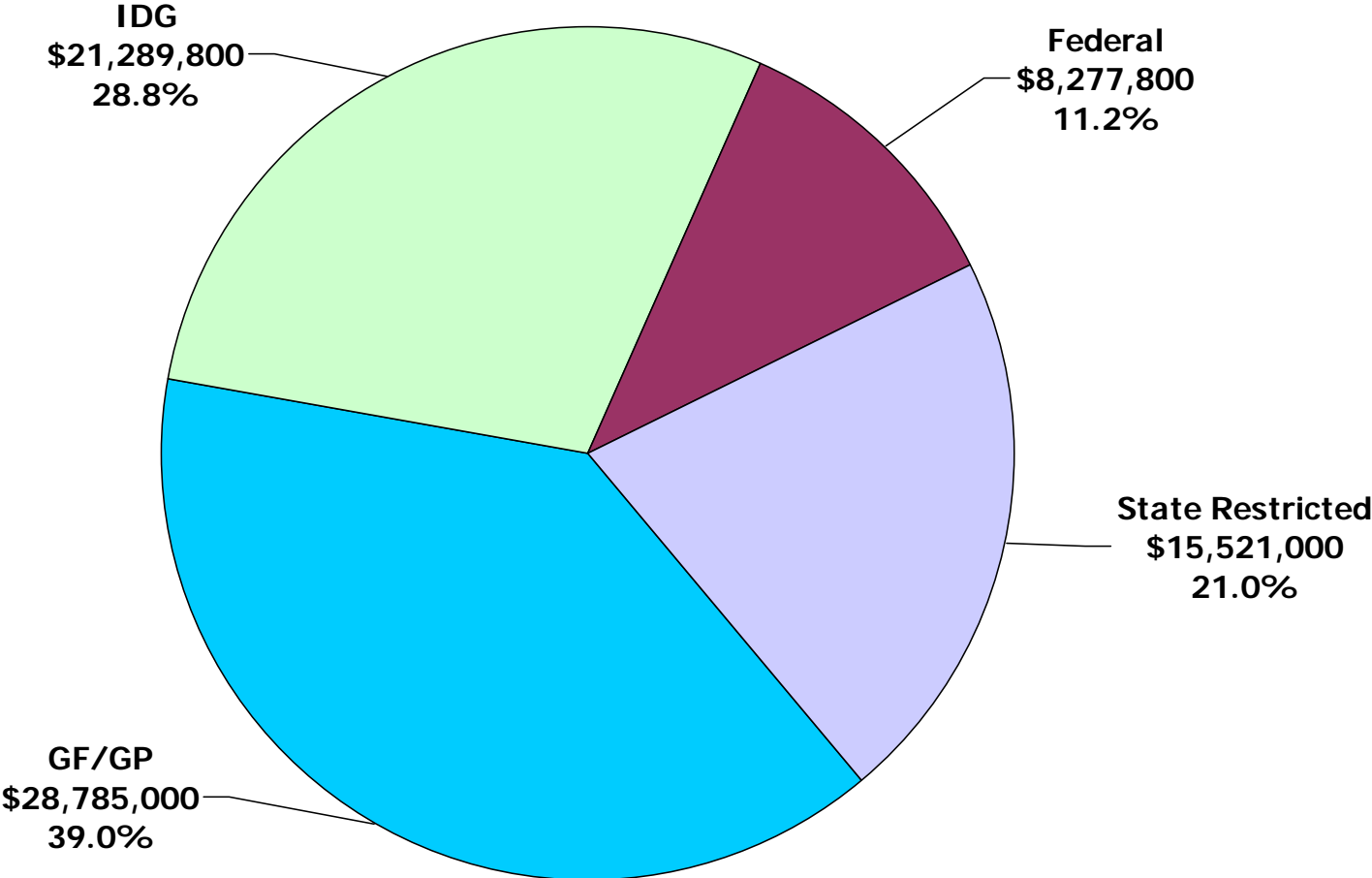


# **SOURCES OF FUNDING**



# Attorney General Appropriations by Revenue Source

FY 2009-10 Gross Revenue = \$73,873,600



# **STATE SPENDING**

# Attorney General Spending

- **Department operations**
  - Attorney and staff salaries and benefits
  - Contractual services, supplies, and materials
  - Rent and building occupancy charges
  - Expert witnesses
  - Travel
  - Equipment
  
- **Staff in Child Support Division and costs associated with increased child support enforcement activities**
  
- **Information technology-related services and projects which support Department activities; administered by the Department of Information Technology**

# Attorney General Spending

- **Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council: \$2,038,700 Gross and 11.0 FTE positions**
  
- **Autonomous agency responsible for ensuring that a uniform system of conduct, duty, and procedure exists amongst prosecutors throughout the state**
  - **Publishes legal documents**
  - **Provides manuals and other materials on criminal prosecution and practices**
  - **Provides updates on legislation and court procedure changes**
  - **Provides research assistance**
  - **Administers grant-funded services**
  - **Coordinates statewide prosecution activities and office automation**
  - **Provides for continuing professional education**

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