

Restructuring the National Drug Control Budget

To bring greater accountability to drug control efforts, the Administration proposes a significant restructuring of the National Drug Control Budget. The drug budget includes close to 50 budget accounts totaling over \$19 billion for 2003. Recent independent analyses of these budgets commissioned by ONDCP, as well as ongoing required reviews by department inspectors general, have identified weaknesses in these budget presentations. Many of these issues are associated with the drug budget methodologies used by agencies to estimate drug spending. Drug budget methodologies are imprecise and often have only a weak association with core drug control missions. Reform of the national drug control budget is needed.

In the coming months, the Administration will develop a new methodology for reporting the drug budget. The principal guidelines that will be used to develop these estimates are:

- All funding displayed in the drug budget should be readily identifiable line items displayed in the budget of the President or agency Congressional budget justifications accompanying the budget.
- The overall budget presentation should be simplified by eliminating several supporting agencies from the drug budget tabulation. Only agencies with a primary drug law enforcement or demand reduction mission would be displayed in the drug budget. This change would limit the budget to those agencies or accounts that have been, or should be, the principal focus of drug control policy. Agencies that provide a minimal contribution to the national drug control program would be excluded from the revised drug budget presentation.

Application of these principles is likely to reduce dramatically federal resources deemed to represent drug control funding, without affecting the overall federal commitment to reducing drug use. Consistent with these principles, a pro forma display of the drug budget on a revised basis is presented in the accompanying table. The details of this proposal will be shared with key stakeholders in the coming months, and after consultation with Congress and drug control agencies, the President's fiscal year 2004 budget will show the changes in full. This new structure for the drug budget will better serve policymakers and the public by focusing on programs genuinely directed at reducing drug use.

Pro Forma Proposed National Drug Control Budget

(Budget Authority in Millions)

Agency/Account	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	Change FY02-03
Defense	970.4	847.6	848.9	1.3
Education (Safe & Drug-Free Schools)	644.3	679.3	644.3	(35.0)
Health and Human Services				
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration	2,175.0	2,305.8	2,371.0	65.2
National Institute on Drug Abuse	783.6	890.9	948.5	57.6
Justice				
Drug Enforcement Administration	1,480.4	1,605.4	1,698.5	93.1
Interagency Crime & Drug Enforcement	325.2	338.6	362.1	23.5
Immigration & Naturalization Service	201.7	210.1	328.5	118.4
Office of Justice Programs	214.8	255.5	240.2	(15.3)
Office of National Drug Control Policy	502.1	533.3	523.1	(10.2)
State	279.3	859.0	883.2	24.2
Transportation (U.S. Coast Guard)	745.4	540.4	629.2	88.8
Treasury				
Customs Service	714.7	1,004.0	1,004.4	0.4
Interagency Crime & Drug Enforcement	103.2	107.6	107.6	0.0
Veterans Affairs	680.9	709.4	741.8	32.4
Other Presidential Initiatives*	3.5	53.0	58.0	5.0
Total, Federal Drug Control Budget	9,824.6	10,939.9	11,389.3	449.4

* For SBA's Drug-Free Workplace programs, \$3.5 million is included for FY 2001 and \$3.0 million is included for FYs 2002 and 2003. For Corporation for National Service's Parents Drug Corps program, this includes \$5 million for FY 2003. For the COPS Southwest Border Prosecutor initiative, this includes \$50 million for FYs 2002 and 2003.