

Comment regarding why the Governor did not include funding for state employee pay raises in his budget recommendations -

Mississippi's state employees' earnings are near the Southeastern average. We are committed to doing what can be done to keep their salaries competitive and to make sure our state employees have the health insurance coverage they deserve.

Comment on DHS budget –

We will access every available federal dollar for all Executive Branch Department programs, and we are recommending that Department Directors be allowed to use their management skills to prioritize funding within their departments. Both efforts will allow us to provide the best quality of services for the people of Mississippi.