

DRS Follow-up Information

- Please provide a breakdown of the positions DRS plans to prioritize filling (Rep. Baker)

DRS response: The prioritization of agency positions is dependent in large part on available funding. That said, and from a high-level perspective, the DRS' focus will be on supplementing both its Revenue Examiner (Audit) and Revenue Agent (Collections) positions. That said, the General Assembly needs to be mindful that when frontline staffing levels are increased, such increases bring with it a need to fill support staff positions. In other words, the more audits that are conducted and the more enforcement actions that are taken the more staff that is needed to process associated paperwork and payments and to handle other administrative tasks, such as protests and court appeals. As such, DRS will be mindful of the appropriate balance. In addition, the DRS has a few strategic positions at the managerial and supervisory level that it believes are critical to fill.

- What is the agency enforcement process for the prohibition of pink dye/dyed fuels on highways? Does it involve any federally-funded positions? How much revenue is associated with these enforcement actions? (Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato)

DRS response: The DRS is prohibited from disclosing return information, which term is defined in Conn. Gen. Stat § 12-15(h)(2). Conn. Gen. Stat § 12-15(h)(2), in pertinent part, provides as follows **“Nothing in the preceding sentence, or in any other provision of law, shall be construed to require the disclosure of standards used or to be used for the selection of returns for examination, or data used or to be used for determining such standards** or the disclosure of the identity of a confidential informant, whether or not a civil or criminal tax investigation has been undertaken or completed.” Thus, the preceding language clearly restricts DRS from disclosing the **“standards used or to be used for the selection of returns for examination, or data used or to be used for determining such standards.”** In order to answer this question would require the DRS to disclose such standards. As such, the DRS respectfully submits that it is prohibited from responding to this question.