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April 14, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 553  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting, Vice Chair  
Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 553  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director  
Department of Finance  
915 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairpersons Skinner, and Ting and Mr. Stephenshaw:

Attached is the March 2023 report on the time it is taking to process various business filings, in accordance with the Budget Act of 2022 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022). Previous reports are posted on the Secretary of State's office website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/agency-reports/business-filing-processing-time-agency-reports>. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-7244 or have your staff contact my Chief of the Business Programs Division, Betsy Bogart, at (916) 695-1197.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shirley N. Weber".

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State

Attachment

cc: Members, Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
Hanz Hemann, Consultant, Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
Ms. Erika Contreras, Secretary of the Senate  
Ms. Cara L. Jenkins, Legislative Counsel

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## Secretary of State's Report to the Department of Finance and Joint Legislative Budget Committee

The Business Programs Division Filings Processing Budget Change Proposal was approved and incorporated into the Budget Act of 2022 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022). The Secretary of State is reporting on the 15th of each month to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on the processing time for business filings.

This is the report for March 2023 and covers the period from March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

Document Processing	Business Entities	Statement of Information
Processing Times as of March 1, 2023	7 days	8 days
Processing Times as of March 31, 2023	5 days	5 days
Average Processing Times <sup>1</sup>	6 days	5 days

Document Processing	Business Entities	Statement of Information	Total
Documents in Processing as of March 1, 2023	22,963	1,661	24,624
Documents Received during This Reporting Period	108,602	7,022	115,624
Documents Processed during This Reporting Period <sup>2</sup>	111,970	6,643	118,613
Documents Awaiting Processing as of March 31, 2023	19,595	2,040	21,635
Documents Received since May 1, 2013	5,325,515	3,535,113	8,860,628
Documents Processed since May 1, 2013 <sup>2</sup>	5,330,801	3,604,924	8,935,725
Preclear/Expedites Processed during This Reporting Period	3,399	0	3,399
Preclear/Expedites Processed since May 1, 2013	313,611	18,794	332,405

Staffing	Permanent	Limited Term	Total
BPD FY 2022/23 Authorized Positions	243.6	37.0	280.6
Filled Positions as of March 31, 2023	216.6	22.0	238.6
Vacant Positions as of March 31, 2023	27.0	15.0	42.0
Estimated Average Vacancy Rate for this Reporting Period	10%	41%	14%

Staffing	Total
Number of Temporary Workers	51
Hours Worked by Temporary Workers during This Reporting Period	4,809
Temporary Hours Worked since May 1, 2013	984,766
Overtime Hours Worked during This Reporting Period	5,287
Overtime Hours Worked since May 1, 2013	294,231

<sup>1</sup> The processing times shown for the first and final day of the reporting period are snapshots in time. Processing times, in the form of business days, are tracked on a daily basis throughout the reporting period and from that information, the average processing time for the month is calculated. Throughout the month, the processing times fluctuate daily depending on the number of documents received each day (some days have higher volumes than others) and the number of documents processed. We continue to focus on online services, registrations, and statements of information to continue to support the California economy. Business Entities (BE) being added to bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov in April 2022 has helped our BE and Statement of Information turnaround times, especially during our peak filing season.

<sup>2</sup> Documents processed include Preclear/Expedites processed.