



A Legislative Summary Document Regarding  
**Texas Ethics Commission**

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## Most Recent Performance Measure Certification

Fiscal Year 1998–Fiscal Year 2003

The results included in *An Audit Report on Fiscal Year 2001 Performance Measures at 14 Entities* (Report No. 03-008, November 2002) for this entity are summarized below.

Period	Goal/Strategy		Measure	Certification Results
2001	A	Information on Government	Percent of Sworn Complaints Resolved Within 180 Days of Receipt	Inaccurate
2001	A.1.2	Advise Public	Average Time (Working Days) to Respond to Legal Advisory Opinion Requests	Inaccurate
2001	A.1.3	Enforcement	Number of Sworn Complaints Processed	Inaccurate
2001	A.1.3	Enforcement	Average Time (Working Days) to Respond to Sworn Complaints	Inaccurate
<b>Total Measures Certified Without Qualification<sup>a</sup></b>				<b>0/4 (0%)</b>
<b>Data Reliability Percentage (Certified and Certified with Qualification)</b>				<b>0/4 (0%)</b>
<sup>a</sup> The percentage of unqualified certifications is presented because it is used in determining an entity's eligibility for performance rewards as established in the General Appropriations Act [77th Legislature, Article IX, Sec. 6.31(d)(2)].				

Category	Definition
Certified	Reported performance is accurate within +/-5 percent, and controls appear adequate to ensure accurate collection and reporting of performance data.
Certified with Qualification	Reported performance is within +/-5 percent, but the controls over data collection and reporting are not adequate to ensure the continued accuracy of performance data.
Factors Prevent Certification	Actual performance cannot be determined because of inadequate controls and insufficient documentation.
Inaccurate	Reported performance is not within +/-5 percent of actual performance, or there is an error rate of at least 5 percent in the supporting documentation.
Not Applicable	A justifiable reason exists for not reporting performance.

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## Travel Expenditures

Travel Expenditures by Appropriation Year (unaudited)			
	2000	2001	2002
In-State Travel	\$ 18,821	\$ 14,856	\$ 16,723
Out-of-State Travel	7,720	6,101	6,235
Foreign Travel	0	0	0
Other Travel Costs	(26)	0	23
<b>Total Travel Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 26,515</b>	<b>\$ 20,958</b>	<b>\$ 22,981</b>
Limit on Travel Expenditures (Cap)	26,607	26,607	7,720 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Expenditures in Excess of Cap</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Caps apply to total travel in appropriation years 2000 and 2001, but caps apply only to out-of-state travel and foreign travel in appropriation year 2002. Caps, calculated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, have been adjusted for any increases requested by the Commission and approved by the Legislative Budget Board in accordance with the General Appropriations Act.

Source: Uniform Statewide Accounting System (USAS) as of November 30, 2002. Amounts are subject to change as agencies continue to record additional expenditures or adjustments.