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Subject: SAO Response to PRR #7526 - Lottery
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Dear Ms. Cobb,

Thank you for your clarification. The Office of the Washington State Auditor has completed our response to your public records request sent in via our website, as follows:

Requesting public records request for lottery taxes and where those funds have been allocated for the last 5 yrs

Clarification Email Recd. 10/2/24:

Good morning, what I'm asking is the taxes that are taken out of your lottery winnings. When you pick up your lottery check they take those taxes out. Where is that tax money allocated to?

In response, Washington State does not impose a state tax on lottery winnings. The IRS requires that lottery agencies immediately withhold a 24% tax on lottery winnings exceeding \$5,000, which reduces your actual take-home prize amount. Any further questions, you may want to contact the IRS directly. Since our office has no responsive records to fulfill your request, we will now consider this closed.

Sincerely,



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