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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Major General Robert E. Livingston, Jr.
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Dear Adjutant General Livingston:

The Executive Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. In preparation for the Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018, the Subcommittee seeks additional information from the agency. Please provide this information by Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Emergency Information

- 1) Please provide links to the following materials so the Committee can post the information online:
 - SC Emergency Operations - Executive Guide;
 - SC Hurricane Guide;
 - Severe Winter Weather in SC Guide;
 - SC Earthquake Guide;
 - SCEMD Emergency Operations - September 2017; and
 - SCEMD Emergency Operations - October 2016.

Emergency Management Division - Palmetto System

- 2) Please list the information currently pulled into the Palmetto System, and the information the agency is working to have pulled into the system going forward, in an Excel document that can be sorted by type of information, entity from whom it is received, and location for which the information applies (e.g., statewide, Richland County, etc.).

3) Please outline which entities currently have access to the Palmetto System and which entities the agency is working to provide access, including an approximate month and year by which the agency hopes to ensure those entities have access.

4) Could the structure of the Palmetto System, which the S.C. Emergency Management Division built, potentially be used for tracking data by other state agencies (e.g., Department of Education and information at all schools, public, private, charter, etc. around the state; Department of Health and Environmental Control to track hospital bed counts; Department of Public Safety to track location of officers; Department of Transportation to track progress of all construction around the state; etc.)

Emergency Resources - National Guard

5) Please explain the difference in sending out units during emergencies versus sending out “force packages.” Also, during which emergency did the agency first send out “force packages”?

Economic Impact

6) Please provide information on the economic impact to the state of McEntire Joint National Guard base.

Record Retention/Archive

7) Is the agency current with transferring records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? If not, why?

8) Please explain the process utilized by the agency to transfer all, if any, required documents to the Department of Archives and History.

Youth Challenge

9) Please list the current requirements for recognition as a certified high school in South Carolina, indicating which of the requirements the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy (SCYCA) meets and does not meet.

10) Please provide the following:

- SCYCA’s December 2016 full-scope ChalleNGe Operational and Resource Effectiveness (CORE) Inspection;
- All corrective action plans which address findings and recommendations from SCYCA’s December 2016 CORE Inspection; and
- All reports submitted to the National Guard Bureau or other federal or private entities, during the last three years, that include performance measures tracked by SCYCA.

11) Utilizing the formula from SCYCA’s December 2016 Financial Performance Inspection, please provide the federal/state dollar cost per cadet for fiscal year 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17. Also, for each year, please include a cost per juvenile in the juvenile correction system and source of the data.

12) Does SCYCA have a data management system, as mentioned in Recommendation 1c. of SCYCA's December 8, 2016 Operational compliance inspection?

13) Please provide the following information, in an Excel document, for each fiscal year 2010-11 through 2016-17:

- Target number of graduates;
- Actual number of graduates and, of those, the number...
 - earning a GED;
 - earning a high school diploma;
 - obtaining higher education (tech, college);
 - entering military service;
 - employed;
 - unemployed and not in school; and
- GED pass rate.

14) In the 2016-17 Accountability Report, the agency states the following about SCYCA: "The SCYCA Program is one of the most successful programs designed to serve high school dropouts." Please provide the data of SCYCA, and other programs with which SCYCA compares itself, which serve as the basis for the agency's statement that the SCYCA Program is "one of the most successful programs."

Pending Legislation

15) Please explain the agency's position, if any, on H.3789 and S.451.

In responding to these questions, please remember the Committee's expectations which are provided in the Committee's Standard Practice 9.

The Subcommittee looks forward to working collaboratively with the agency during the oversight process. Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Gary E. Clary
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Laurie Slade Funderburk
The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
The Honorable Robert Q. Williams