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Q1 Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies, including any observations about the way the agency shares information online. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Corrections, Department of

Explain how you develop your budget. Who is involved in budgeting decisions? How does this relate to your organizational structure? Have you completed an Inventory of programs? How do you prevent duplication of services? Describe your vetting process when considering new programs for purchase or development. Do you conduct or have you at some point conducted a cost benefit analysis of all of your programs? What program data do you collect, how often do you do so, and how do you use it? How much money is allocated to the SPICE Program? Where does the money come from? How many inmates are served by it? What services does it provide? What other programs provide similar services? Have you completed an analysis of comparable programs to determine which are most cost-effective? How do you prioritize use of existing facilities? Are there any instances where school facilities, which are part of a program mandated by law, have been allocated to other programs? If so, please explain your justification for that decision. Many districts in South Carolina are struggling with a teacher shortage and develop incentives to attract teachers. What are you doing to address the teacher shortage in SCDC? What percentage of your staff is temporary/grant funded? Do you think that might be a determining factor in your ability to recruit or retain staff? What is your hiring process policy? Are you aware of any violations of this policy? Explain your strategic planning process for programs and rehabilitation. What are you doing for inmates with 5 years left? What are you doing for inmates with longer sentences to serve? What rehabilitative services are provided throughout the incarceration, or do you expect to rehabilitate them with intensive instruction in the last six months? What research have you done to determine best practices for rehabilitation?

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Q2 What is your age?

Respondent skipped this question

Q3 Which best describes your current role?

Respondent skipped this question

Q4 In which county do you live?

Respondent skipped this question

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SCDC is short staffed and that is causing problems to trickle out into every aspect. Recreational time is not provided- many inmates remain on lockdown. Windows being blacked out deprive them of sunshine. Nutritious meals are a big area-feeding them like they are is going to cost taxpayers more money for health issues later on. Mental health and illness is another problem area. Inmates are not getting adequate medical care. Visitors are left outside battling elements of nature (rain or extreme heat) just to provide the outside support that helps rehabilitate and decrease recidivism. Air conditioning not working in several institutions across the state during the hottest times of the year. Rehabilitation programs and classes are not really offered to inmates- looks good on the website and in brochures, but what is the reality? SCDC is failing to hold up their end of the deal when it comes to rehabilitation efforts and reentry resources. Too many people are left to fall thru the cracks and be forever forgotten about. As citizens of society, we must demand better from SCDC.

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Q2 What is your age? 35-44 years old

Q3 Which best describes your current role?

South Carolina resident and do not fall into any of the categories below

Q4 In which county do you live?

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