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Director Sylvia Murray  
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Dear Ms. Murray:

On behalf of the entire Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, I would like to thank you and your staff for sharing your time and knowledge with the subcommittee during its December 2, 2015, meeting.

The subcommittee seeks additional information from the agency by Friday, January 15, 2016, on the following issues:

- How many Boys & Girls Clubs are involved with after school centers?
- How many rapes have been reported in agency facilities or programs during the past two years?
- Please provide the calculation of how many guards are required by the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act with the present juvenile population.
- What is the current ratio of guards to juvenile behind the fence?
- How many Department of Juvenile Justice students have taken the job skills assessment test, WorkKeys, during the last three years? What is the average score of those students?
- Has the agency conducted any facilities and efficiencies study? If yes, please provide the subcommittee with a copy of any such studies.
- How much did the agency spend towards achieving each of its goals in fiscal year 2014-15?
- How much did the agency spend towards achieving each of its objectives in fiscal year 2014-15?
- How did the agency determine how much it spent toward achieving each of its goals in fiscal year 2014-15?

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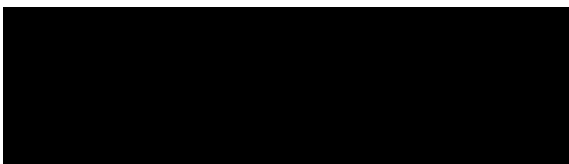
- How did the agency determine how much it spent towards achieving each of its objectives in fiscal year 2014-15?
- If the agency does not typically budget or calculate its spending by utilizing its objectives and goals, please explain the process the agency utilizes?
- Please provide in an Excel document a list of all agency employees. Please annotate this list with the following information: indicate to which program(s) each employee is assigned and any groups under a program; indicate the percentage of each employee's time that is assigned to program(s); and indicate whether or not each employee has direct interaction with juveniles in the program(s) to which the employee is assigned.

The subcommittee specifically asks that if the agency has any concerns about the format of these questions yielding answers that do not provide an accurate reflection of the agency to please express those concerns prior to responding in writing to a letter to me with a copy to committee staff. Please retain your working papers for these responses in the event the subcommittee would like to view those.

Additionally, please provide a briefing to the subcommittee about the events that occurred the weekend of December 18-20 which required juveniles in the agency's crisis management unit to be displaced to another facility and any other similar events that have occurred over the past three years. Please provide the subcommittee with the agency's policy for escalation of discipline for juveniles as well as its policy for notifying parents and guardians.

Your continued cooperation in the legislative oversight process is appreciated. The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee looks forward to assisting the agency in its plans to improve its efficiency and outcomes.

Sincerely,



Kirkman Finlay III  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton  
The Honorable William K. Bowers  
The Honorable Raye Felder  
The Honorable Edward R. Tallon Sr.