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The Honorable Deb Peters
The Honorable Fred Romkema
Joint Committee on Appropriations
500 East Capitol Avenue
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Dear Senator Peters and Representative Romkema:

As requested in your letter dated December 11, 2013, I offer the following responses to your questions in addition to the information we will provide during our budget hearing with the Joint Committee on Appropriations on February 10, 2013.

i. What activities are you going to eliminate, initiate, or significantly change?

DOC RESPONSE:

The DOC will phase out the Adult Reentry initiative after the 1st quarter of FY2015. The grant period will end September 30, 2014 with final closeout by December 31, 2014.

We have several initiatives that have been started or a work in progress as part of the SD Public Safety Improvement Act:

1. Earned Discharge Credits – DOC implemented the process in August 2013. We have been working with our offender management system vendor to automate the process. We anticipate implementing an automated process later this year.
2. Tribal Pilot – we are nearing completion of an agreement with the Sisseton-Wahpeton tribe to provide joint tribal supervision of offenders on the reservation.
3. CTP Housing – We have had meetings with various groups who currently house CTP offenders in the community and a RFP will be released February 10th for housing and services for offenders in the Sioux Falls area.
4. Reinvestment Initiative – DOC is establishing the trend line that was proposed by PEW in preparation of the FY2014 data. Once the data is modeled, the DOC will prepare payments to meet the statutory requirement to reimburse counties by October 1, 2014 for costs associated with the presumption of probation and based upon increases in the number of probationers.

- ii. What initiatives for improving efficiency of operations are planned for FY15?

DOC RESPONSE:

The DOC is constantly reviewing processes and procedures to improve our management of offenders. We have not significantly redirected resources at this time.

- iii. What are the standards of performance or metrics by which you judge the success and efficiencies of your agency's outcomes?

DOC RESPONSE:

The DOC worked with the Government Operations and Audit Committee as a pilot agency and submitted performance measures and budget drivers as part of our FY15 request. These measures were included in our section of the budget book and listed on the Committee's One Note. In addition, performance and outcome measures as required under the South Dakota Public Safety Improvement Act are being developed and will be reported to the Oversight Committee.

- iv. What funds from FY14 are planned to be applied to FY15 activities? Are these amounts in addition to amounts contained in the Governor's FY15 budget?

DOC RESPONSE:

The \$1,000,000 appropriation that was provided for the reinvestment component of the CJI will not have any payments due to the counties until October 1, 2014. Authority carried over into FY14 will revert. The Governor recommended \$500,000 in other authority in FY15 to cover estimated payments. However if HB 1039 passes the \$1,000,000 in other authority will not revert until June 30, 2017, the \$500,000 in other authority will not be needed.

- v. What are your plans for amending the FY14 General Bill?

DOC RESPONSE:

The FY2014 budget proposed amendments would add \$2,000,000 in general funds to cover increasing costs for inmate healthcare. DOC's budget will be impacted by the adjustments for employee health insurance, utilities increases and central service billings as recommended by the Governor.

- vi. What programs and services offered by your agency have been, or will be affected by the federal budget reductions due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 or other actions by the federal government? Were General Funds and/or Other Funds used to support the continuation of these programs or services?

DOC RESPONSE: The DOC has not had any services directly impacted by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

If you need additional information or clarification, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Kaemingk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Dennis Kaemingk
Cabinet Secretary