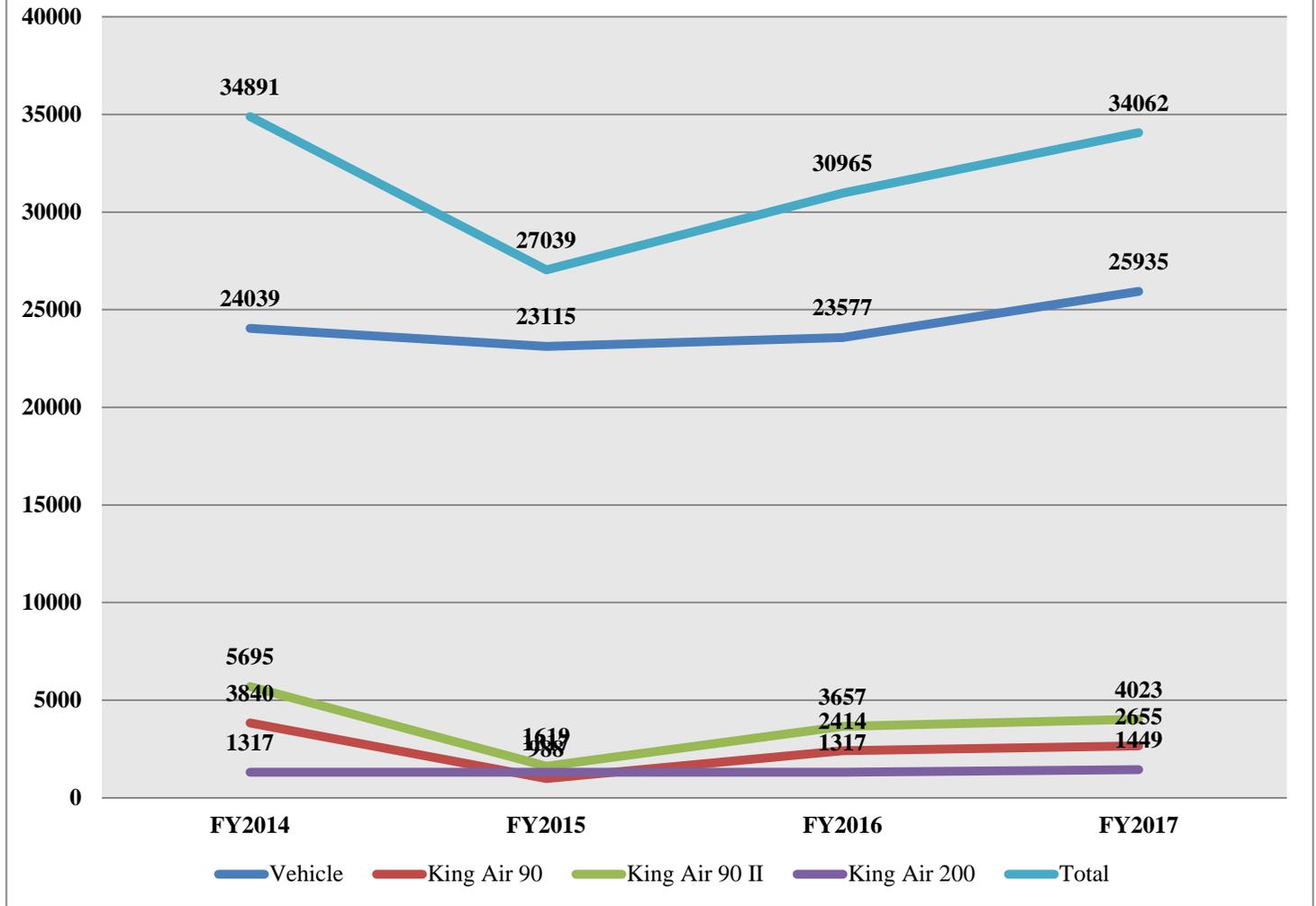


Graph A. Mileage trends

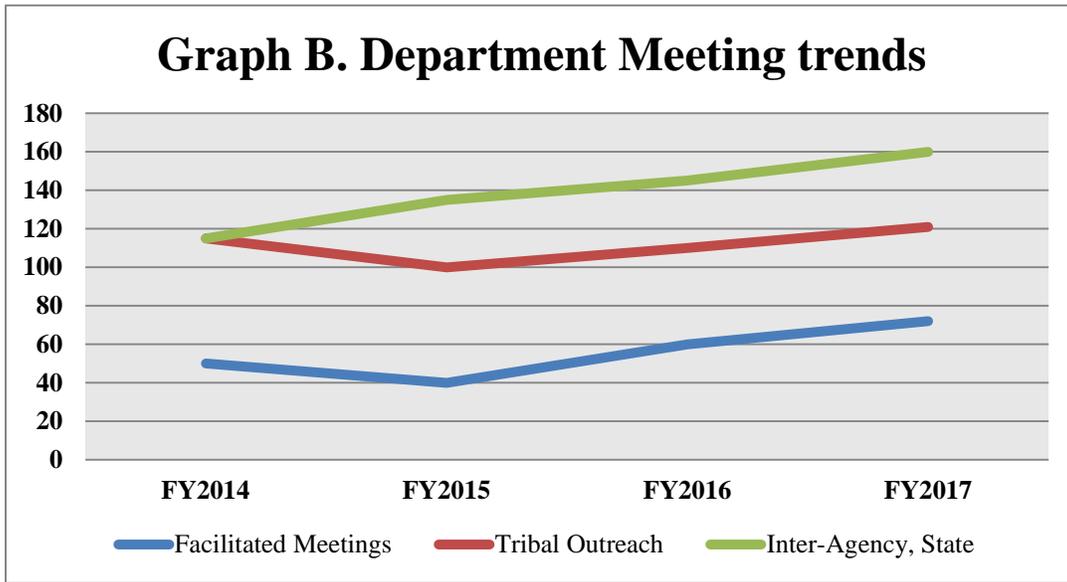


It is worth noting that *vehicle travel* prior to October 2014 included round trip travel by the former Secretary to and from Sioux Falls (where he resided). These 277 miles, even if conservatively calculated as three trips per month to Pierre would equal nearly 9,900 within a fiscal year. This mileage is now absent the Department’s totals because all current staff dwells in Pierre – the Department’s base of operations.

The mileage of the Department at present is anticipated to be approximately 30,965 *total miles*. It is likely that that the Department will exceed this anticipated number, especially in the category of *vehicle miles*.

Anticipated *vehicle miles* for FY 2017 would be directly impacted by the travel of additional staff, if this FTE is approved. Partnership and collaboration with other state partners will aide the Department in defraying costs.

Graph B. Department Meeting trends

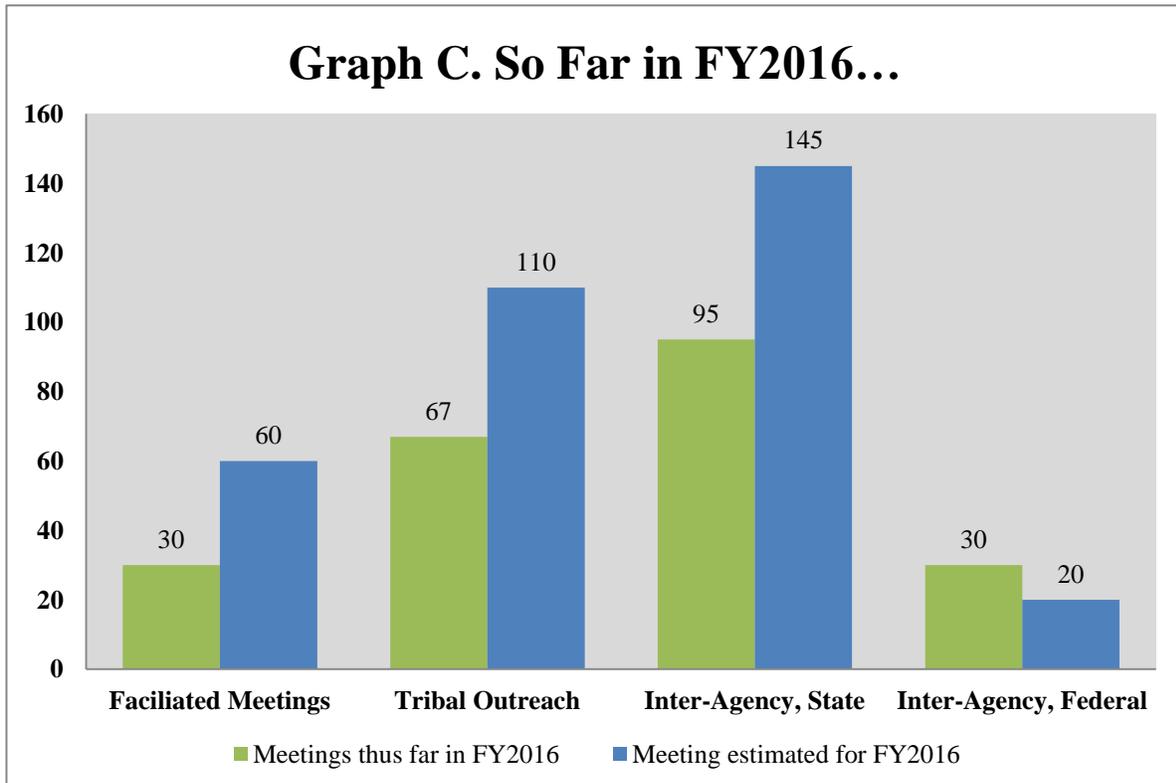


Graph B shows growth in meetings that the Department anticipates for FY2016 and FY2017. The Department has indicated a 10% increase in the number of meetings from FY2016 to FY2017 to account for increasing demand on Department attendance and continued involvement in current projects.

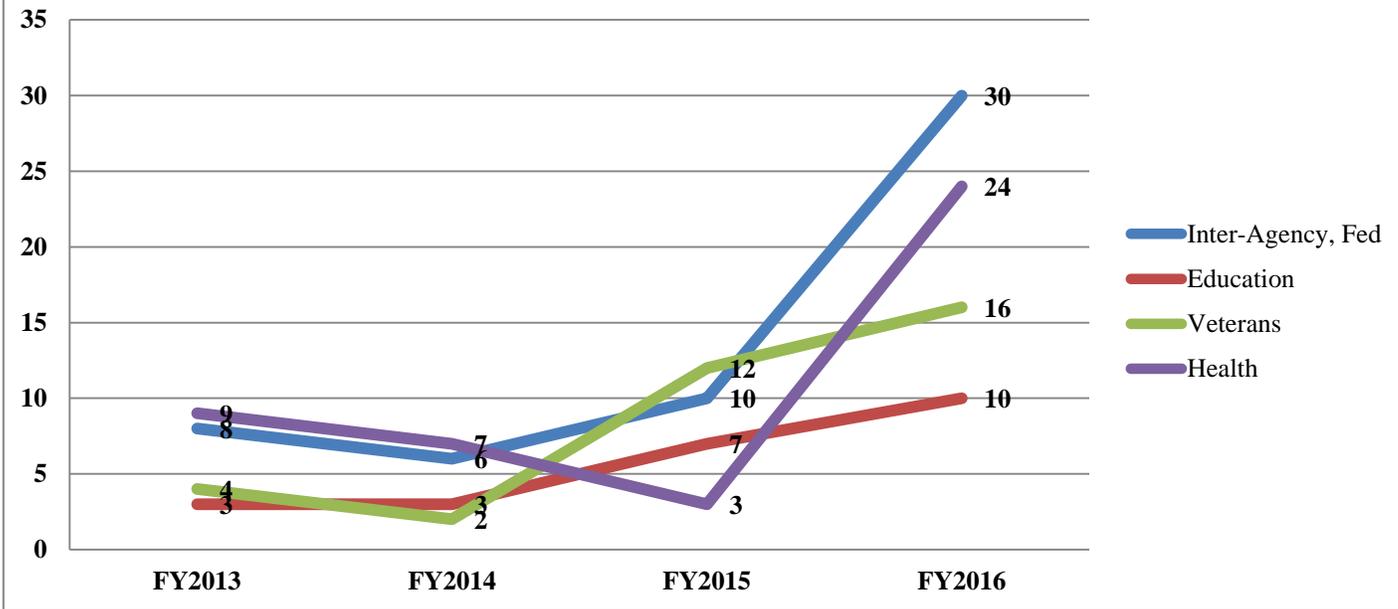
Since the autumn of 2015, tribal outreach and facilitated meetings have increased gradually (and more exponentially after legislative session closed). Since spring of 2015, four Cabinet Secretaries have visited Indian Country no less than ten times – which has been a specific push of the Department. Indian Country includes many special and unique places and the best way to understand tribal programs and leadership is to visit.

Graph C provides a glimpse of the Department of Tribal Relations’ activities so far in FY2016. As the graph indicates, the Department is paced to exceed its estimated meetings in nearly all areas. This is especially true for inter-agency meetings with federal partners (pursuant to SDCL 1-54-2). Even with the 10% increase to FY2017, the Department is confident of reaching these goals and positively affecting government to government relations.

Graph C. So Far in FY2016...



Graph D. Subject matter snapshot (as of Dec-2016)



SDCL 1-54-3 charges the Department to work with federal partners to help address issues. A common frustration that tribes bring to the Department is when an issue that has multiple layers to a single issue: tribal aspects, state aspects, federal aspects, federal aspects from different federal agents. The Department is charged to coordinate with federal partners to address these issues and identify where partnerships are possible.

- Since October 2015, the Department has actively engaged representatives of the Congressional offices and is in monthly, if not weekly, contact with one office or another's about shared policy areas. Consistent communication provides that all parties remain "in the loop," avoid duplication, and resolve issues quickly.
- This collaborative approach has also born out in economic development, education, and public safety.
- **Example**
 - o Veteran affairs is one area that include many federal, state, and tribal aspects. In response to a tribal requests to meet with State and federal policy-makers, the Department of Tribal Relations scheduled and facilitated a meeting that included Senator Rounds (and staff), representatives for Senator Thune and Congresswoman Noem, Lt. Governor Michels, Secretary Zimmerman (and staff), myself, and Tribal Veterans service officers from across the state. This was the first meeting where federal Congressional staff met collectively with tribal veteran service officers.

The Department has experienced marked increases in certain policy areas, including education, veteran affairs, and health related discussions. These meetings include those with tribal and state counterparts.

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