



## State of New Jersey

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Dear Mr. Rosen:

Please find the department's responses to the additional questions raised by members of the Assembly Budget Committee.

**Assemblywoman Quigley:**

- 1. Please provide the committee with the number of sex offenders housed by the State in Kearney? How many offenders have been admitted to the facilities during each fiscal year from Fiscal Years 2005 through Fiscal Year 2009? How many offenders have been released from these facilities during each fiscal year from Fiscal Years 2005 through Fiscal Year 2009? How long have these offenders been incarcerated in the sex offender facilities? What is the average length of time that a sex offender is incarcerated in these facilities? When will the inmates housed in this facility be moved to another location?*

**Response:** As of May 12, 2009, there are a total of 158 residents in the Special Treatment Unit (STU) Kearney. Offenders admitted to both Kearney and Annex facilities in fiscal year 2005 was 34; fiscal year 2006 – 26; fiscal year 2007 – 36; fiscal year 2008 – 36; and fiscal year 2009 – 11.

The Department of Corrections identifies releases as discharge at initial commitment hearing, through court order from permanent commitment and resident death. Discharges in fiscal year 2005 were 11; fiscal year 2006 – 15; fiscal year 2007 – 14; fiscal year 2008 – 15; and fiscal year 2009 – 17.

It is not possible to calculate an average length of stay for this population. It should be noted; however, that a significant percentage of residents committed to the STU's since

the inception of the first STU Facility (STU-Kearney) in August of 1999 and the second facility (STU-Annex) in May of 2001 are still residents of those facilities.

On May 18, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division found that the circumstances that justified Executive Order 118 identifying the Kearney facility as an appropriate facility for temporary housing of Sexually Violent Predators (SVP) no longer exist. Consequently, the court has given the DOC one year to “turnover possession of the Kearney facility to the County of Hudson, and for the location of temporary or permanent facility, or facilities for the housing of SVPs in accordance with the terms of the Sexually Violent Predators Act.”

**Assemblyman Cryan and Assemblywoman Pou:**

- 1. Please provide the committee with data showing the recidivism of New Jersey’s offender population by age, race, gender and offense custody level.*

**Response:** New Jersey’s offender population recidivism by age, race, gender and offense custody level is as follows:

**RATES BY OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS**

	ALL RELEASES		Re-Arrested	Re-Convicted	Re-Incarcerated
	N	%			
<b>ALL RELEASES</b>	14,839	100%	55%	43%	31%
<b>SEX:</b>					
Male	13,576	91%	56%	43%	32%
Female	1,263	9%	46%	34%	22%
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY:</b>					
Black	9,316	63%	60%	46%	34%
White	2,775	19%	46%	35%	23%
Hispanic	2,694	18%	49%	38%	27%
Other	54	0%	22%	19%	11%
<b>AGE AT RELEASE:</b>					
Less or equal to 24	3,149	21%	67%	53%	39%
25-29	2,950	20%	58%	44%	32%
30-34	3,051	21%	58%	45%	32%
35-39	2,501	17%	53%	42%	30%
40-44	1,686	11%	47%	37%	26%
45+	1,502	10%	31%	23%	16%

## RATES BY MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE

	ALL RELEASES		Re-Arrested	Re-Convicted	Re-Incarcerated
	N	%			
<b>ALL RELEASES</b>	14,839	100%	55%	43%	31%
<b>VIOLENT OFFENSES:</b>					
Homicide/Manslaughter	309	2%	29%	18%	11%
Sexual Assault	378	3%	22%	16%	11%
Assault	961	7%	55%	41%	30%
Robbery	1,570	11%	56%	42%	29%
Other Sexual Offenses	59	0%	36%	27%	20%
Other Violent Offenses*	197	1%	46%	35%	20%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT OFFENSES</b>	3,474	24%	49%	36%	25%
<b>PROPERTY OFFENSES:</b>					
Burglary	1,441	10%	65%	54%	43%
Larceny/Theft	740	5%	57%	45%	32%
Stolen Property	425	3%	66%	54%	39%
Other Property Offenses*	195	1%	45%	33%	22%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY OFFENSES</b>	2,801	19%	62%	51%	38%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES:</b>					
Drugs - Distribution	5,220	36%	56%	43%	31%
Drugs - Possession	1,506	10%	57%	45%	32%
<b>TOTAL DRUG OFFENSES</b>	6,726	46%	56%	44%	31%
<b>PUBLIC POLICY OFFENSES:</b>					
Weapons	488	3%	57%	41%	28%
Escape	94	1%	63%	50%	39%
Other Public Policy Offenses*	794	5%	52%	39%	27%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC POLICY</b>	1,376	9%	55%	41%	28%
<b>MISSING/UNCODED</b>	462				

\* Other Violent Offenses include:

Other Property Offenses include:

Other Public Policy Offenses include:

Kidnap and Terroristic Threats

Arson, Fraud, and Property Damage

Corruption, Gambling, and Family Offenses

**Assemblyman Malone:**

1. *Please provide the committee with a list of the Department of Corrections' prison facilities, the dates built, the dates of additions to these facilities, and the dates of any renovations undertaken.*

**Response:** Please see requested information below:

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Built</b>
<b>Adult Diagnostic &amp; Treatment Center</b>	1976
Dormitory Unit	1985
Two Dormitory Units	1990
Special Treatment Unit Annex	1981
<b>Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility</b>	1935
I Unit Minimum Unit	1990
Administrative Close Custody Supervision Unit	1985
<b>Bayside State Prison</b>	1970
2 Trailer Units	1984
<b>Central Reception &amp; Assignment Facility</b>	Phases 1914 to 1926
2 Dormitory Units built on Jones Farm Minimum Security Unit	1 – 1950 2 – 2004
<b>East Jersey State Prison</b>	Main Facility 1896 – 1906
Administrative Close Supervision Unit	1988
<b>Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women</b>	1913
North-South Hall	1970
Randall Cottage	1984
Hillcrest Cottage	1970
Stowe Cottage	1992
Cottage "A"	1974
Cottage "B"	1974
Cottage "D"	1981
East Cottage	1988
Medical Building and Maximum Dining Hall	1993
<b>Garden State Youth Correctional Facility</b>	1968
Minimum Security Housing	1985
Post Reception Unit	1990
<b>Mid-State Correctional Facility</b>	1971
<b>Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility</b>	1925
Two Minimum Security Units	1991
Front House Administrative Unit	1991
<b>New Jersey State Prison</b>	Mid 1800's
North & South Compound	Erected 1979 – 1982
<b>Northern State Prison</b>	1987
Trailer Housing Unit	1990
Minimum Security Unit	1992
Administrative Close Supervision Unit	1992
<b>Riverfront State Prison</b>	1985
3 Trailer Housing Units	1990
<b>Southern State Correctional Facility</b>	1983 (Modular Buildings)
352 Bed Minimum Permanent Unit	2004
<b>South Woods State Prison</b>	1997 - 1998

2. *Please review the list provided by Assemblyman Malone of courses for which the Department of Corrections provided tuition reimbursement to DOC employees. Please comment upon the appropriateness of the State reimbursing the cost of these courses. What process is used by the Department of Corrections to determine which courses are appropriate for reimbursement?*

**Response:** Assemblyman Malone's list was provided to the department separately. In addition to the list of courses, were other questions which will be answered under separate cover.

The department's tuition aid program allows for the reimbursement of courses taken that are directly related to the employee's current job function or constitute a specific course requirement of a degree program which directly relates to employment within the department. Degree requirements include not only those courses directly related to the major field of study, but also general educational requirements and electives. The Office of Human Resources makes the final determination on what courses are eligible for reimbursement. Participants are informed prior to class commencement if the class is eligible for reimbursement under the program.

3. *Please provide the committee with a list of former law enforcement officers hired by the department during Fiscal Year 2006, Fiscal Year 2007, Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009, and the positions and salaries for which they were hired.*

**Response:** A list of former law enforcement officers hired by the department during the fiscal years requested is listed below:

Name	Title	Re-hire Date	Salary
<u>FY 2006</u>			
Ronald Riggins	Associate Administrator Prison Complex	6/9/2007	\$87,000.00
Mark Salaga	Associate Administrator Prison Complex	6/16/2007	\$87,000.00
<u>FY 2007</u>			
None			
<u>FY 2008</u>			
Robert Paterson	Director, Division of Operations	8/13/2007	\$104,000.00
Bruce Sapp	Assistant Superintendent 1 Corr	8/18/2007	\$79,068.53
Henry Harris	Identification Officer	9/29/2007	\$33,307.90
Mary Edwards	Communications Op Sec Fac	9/29/2007	\$31,888.37
Philip Gengler	Communications Operator Trainee	11/14/2007	\$31,888.37
James Pinder	Communications Op Sec Fac	12/24/2007	\$31,888.37
Larry Glover	Administrator, Prison Complex	1/28/2008	\$104,000.00
Elton Shields	Truck Driver, Single Axle	2/16/2008	\$32,746.49
Willis Morton	Administrator, Prison Complex	2/25/2008	\$104,000.00
Dan Cassidy	Sr. Identification Officer	5/10/2008	\$44,581.15

Name	Title	Re-hire Date	Salary
<u>FY 2009</u>			
Karl Klein	Assistant Superintendent 1 Corr	7/10/2008	\$79,068.53
Dean Campbell	Assistant Superintendent 1 Corr	9/27/2008	\$79,068.53
Loretta Brancato	Assistant Superintendent 1 Corr	10/11/2008	\$79,068.53
Wilford Smith	Associate Administrator Prison Complex	10/11/2008	\$87,000.00
Charles Raynor	Communications Operator Trainee	10/20/2008	\$32,845.02
Todd Faubert	Assistant Superintendent 1 Corr	2/28/2009	\$71,878.65

**Assemblywoman Pou:**

- Please provide the committee with information on the amount of funding spent by the Department of Corrections for transitional services during Fiscal Year 2006, Fiscal Year 2007, Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009. How much is budgeted for transitional services in Fiscal Year 2010?*

**Response:** The amount of funding spent for transitional services during the fiscal years requested is as follows:

FY 2006 Expended	\$94,290,028
FY 2007 Expended	\$94,058,802
FY 2008 Expended	\$99,782,320
FY 2009 Expended	\$98,455,078
FY 2010 Budgeted	\$96,451,997

- Please provide the committee with more detailed statistics on the department's workforce by gender and ethnicity.*

**Response:** The chart below reports detailed statistics on the department's workforce by gender and ethnicity. Please be advised that the attached data reflects the Department's workforce as of the end of the third quarter, the period ending March 31, 2009.

	Males		Females		Total	
White	4,260	44.8%	1,105	11.6%	5,365	56.5%
Black	1,856	19.5%	1,196	12.6%	3,052	32.1%
Hispanic	741	7.8%	215	2.3%	956	10.1%
Asian	72	0.8%	24	0.3%	96	1.0%
American Indian	26	0.3%	6	0.1%	32	0.3%
Total	6,955	73.2%	2,546	26.8%	9,501	100.0%

**Assemblyman Johnson:**

- 1. Please provide the committee with information concerning the surcharges charged against inmate families for accepting collect telephone calls from the inmates. Please provide information concerning the amount of revenue collected by the State for this service.*

**Response:** The connection surcharge is \$1.75 per collect call. Debit calling is offered at a 15 % discount, or \$1.49 per call.

The Department of Corrections does not collect revenue for this service. Per contract requirements, all commission checks are sent directly to the Department of the Treasury. In FY 2008, the Department of the Treasury collected \$4.8 million, FY2009 revenue, as of March is \$3.5 million.

**Assemblyman Wolfe:**

- 1. Please provide the committee with information concerning the average length of stay that State sentenced prison inmates spend in each of the county facilities that houses State sentenced prison inmates.*

**Response:** The accumulated average length of stay that State sentenced prison inmates spend in county facilities is 37days. Please see the chart below for gender breakdown by county.

Atlantic County	27	Middlesex County	42
Bergen County	41	Monmouth County	38
Burlington County	29	Morris County	28
Camden County	31	Ocean County	37
Cape May County	29	Passaic County	41
Cumberland County	44	Salem County	55
Essex County	35	Somerset County	47
Gloucester County	37	Sussex County	48
Hudson County	31	Union County	41
Hunterdon County	29	Warren County	39
Mercer County	33	<b>Average</b>	<b>37</b>

**Assemblyman Coutinho:**

- 1. Please provide the committee with the number of GEDs awarded last year? How many slots does the department have for GED education programs?*

**Response:** There were 1,169 GEDs administered in 2008; 816 passed; 70% pass rate. All facilities conduct GED preparation classes. Seating capacity in the classrooms to include GED vary from facility to facility. There are 15-20 students per class. Each facility has 4-8 classrooms for GED education programs.

2. *Please provide the committee with information on the amount of funding spent on inmate education. How much of this is funded through SFEA mandatory youth education? How much funding is provided for voluntary adult education? What percentage of the DOC budget does this represent?*

**Response:** Please find listed below DOC data on the amount of funding spent on inmate education as well as the percentage of DOC budget.

FY	SFEA	Adult Ed	% Total Budget
2009	\$8,854,839	\$16,530,000	2.29
2010	\$7,999,948	\$16,250,000	2.27

**Assemblyman Greenwald:**

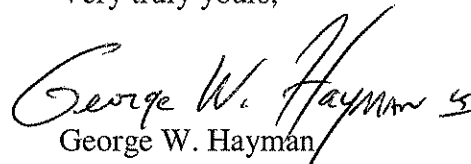
1. *Please provide the committee with the projected and actual cost for inmate medical services for Fiscal Year 2007, Fiscal Year 2008, Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010?*

**Response:** The projected and actual cost for inmate medical services for the fiscal years requested above is as follows:

	Budgeted	Actual/Projected
FY 2007	\$98,328,334	\$97,445,285
FY 2008	\$103,595,978	\$100,090,446
FY 2009	\$103,856,105	\$100,848,786
FY 2010	\$104,151,054	\$104,151,054

Should you have need for additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

  
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Commissioner

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Dear Assemblyman Malone:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2009 concerning the tuition reimbursement of Department of Corrections' employees.

Answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Q. Who is eligible for reimbursement of educational expenses?**

A. Full-time employees with one year of continuous full-time State employment.

**Q. Is your policy the same as that of other departments or has it been developed strictly for employees of the Department of Corrections?**

A. It is my understanding that after surveying other State departments' tuition reimbursement policies in 1998, the Department of Corrections established its initial tuition reimbursement policy for its employees in accordance with NJAC 4A:6-4.6(a).

**Q. Should the curriculum relate in some way to the employee's job?**

A. The curriculum should relate in some way to current or planned job responsibilities or constitute a requirement of a degree program related to current or planned job responsibilities or a vocational change to another career track within State

Service (for example a Teaching Assistant who wishes to change his/her vocation to social work or nursing).

**Q. Is all coursework eligible for reimbursement or only that which is specifically related to his/her job?**

A. Eligible coursework includes that which is related to current or planned job responsibilities or elective course work which is required for a degree program related to current or planned job responsibilities

**Q. Can an employee select the institution where the coursework is to be taken? For example, why was an employee permitted to take a course on the Foundations in Hinduism at an out-of-state institution?**

A. An employee may select the institution.

**Q. Is there a cap on the amount eligible for reimbursement?**

A. Yes, reimbursement per credit does not exceed 33% - 50% (depending on the grade received) of the cost per credit at The College of New Jersey or Rutgers University, whichever is higher, up to a total 12 credits within a single fiscal year.

**Q. Are any employees required to participate in a continuing education program?**

A. Teachers, every five years, are required to complete 100 hours of training. Such training is not limited to college courses.

**Q. What accommodations must be made for a corrections officer's work schedule in order for him/her to attend class.**

A. The class meeting times must not in any way conflict with an employee's work schedule. However, temporary adjustments to an employee's work schedule may be authorized if the adjustment does not compromise organizational need operational effectiveness or generate overtime due to the schedule change.

**Q. Does this ever lead to the need to pay overtime to another officer to cover his shift?**

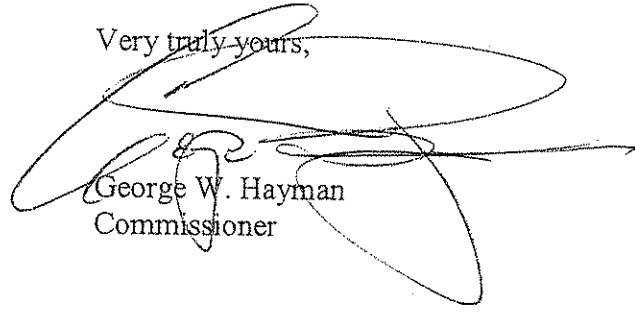
A. No, the class meeting times must not in any way conflict with an employee's work schedule.

**Q. Does the employee have to remain with the department for a certain period of time following completion of the coursework in order to receive reimbursement?**

A. At a minimum, the employee must remain with the Department of Corrections twelve months after coursework completion.

I hope the foregoing information is helpful to you. Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

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George W. Hayman  
Commissioner

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