8. The FY 2011 budget notes that the department will eliminate 85 staff positions in recreation, social work, vocational education and other teaching titles.

- **Question:** How does the department plan to provide the workforce training programs mandated under P.L. 2009, c.330 with the recommended reduction in education and training staff?

**Response:** P.L. 2009, c.330 has limited impact on the workforce training programs. The DOC, with funding provided through the NJ Department of Labor, operates Workforce Literacy Learning Labs. These workforce training programs are currently being conducted in 8 facilities. The labs replicate those operating in the NJDOL One Stop Centers. The labs provide educational materials including math, reading, writing and life skills as well as GED preparation, skills to find and keep a job, English as a second language, and reentry resource information. The reduction in non-tenured teachers will affect only 2 of these facilities; however, remaining staff is currently being trained to continue the program.

9. The FY 2011 budget recommends $64.554 million for the Purchase of Community Services account, an increase of $3.059 million. However, budget evaluation data notes that the appropriation would fund 2,720 beds, 22 fewer than the FY 2010 average daily population of 2,742 beds.

- **Question:** Please explain how the appropriation for the program has increased, yet the number of beds provided has decreased.

**Response:** The FY 2011 budget is requesting $64.6 million for the Purchase of Community Services for 2,720 beds since recently passed legislation mandates that all contracted beds be filled throughout the year. In FY 2010 2,629 community beds were funded. This results in an increase of 91 beds.

The average daily population for community programs was increased in FY 2010 to 2,742 due to the availability of surplus Grants in Aid funding for county jail bedsapce. This surplus is not expected to exist in FY 2011.