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Dear Mr. Rosen:

Please find the department's response to the additional question raised by Assemblyman Coutinho of the Assembly Budget Committee.

Question:

Please provide the committee with a status report of all waiting lists of inmates for admission to Department of Corrections education programs.

Response:

The chart below details, by institution, the number of inmates currently (April 2011) on the waiting lists for the academic and career technical programs.

Academic

The academic programs at each facility contain a core curriculum for the school age population (under 21 years of age) as well as an adult basic skills component. The primary goal is to service offenders who enter the correctional system without a high school diploma/GED. School age students are enrolled in school upon entering their assigned facility. Currently, there is no waiting list for school age students. Adult students who demonstrate a high academic functioning level are assigned to GED (General Educational Development) programming. There are currently no waiting lists for GED programming. Adult students who demonstrate a low academic functioning level are assigned to Adult Basic Skills (ABS) to hone their academic skills and progress to the Pre-GED and GED programs. There is currently a waiting list for ABS program assignments. *See chart*

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical education programs provide the development of foundational skills, core workplace competencies, and specific skill competencies in various occupational areas, blended with rigorous academic core competencies.

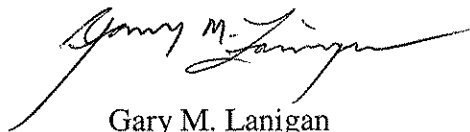
Note, the waiting list counts for these programs include inmates who are on multiple waiting lists, for example an inmate may put himself or herself on the waiting list for carpentry, cabinet making and auto mechanics while currently attending a welding class.

Count of Inmates on Education Waiting Lists as of April 2011

| Institution | Academic (ABS) | Career Technical Education (CTE) |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility | 19 | 39 |
| Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center | 0 | 113 |
| Bayside State Prison | 162 | 59 |
| Central Reception and Assignment Facility | 0 | 0 |
| East Jersey State Prison | 0 | 25 |
| Edna Mahan Correctional Facility For Women | 42 | 152 |
| Garden State Youth Correctional Facility | 40 | 488 |
| Mid-State Correctional Facility Annex | 41 | N/A |
| Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility | 7 | 35 |
| New Jersey State Prison | 1 | 0 |
| Northern State Prison | 361 | 137 |
| Southern State Correctional Facility | 194 | 231 |
| South Woods State Prison | 47 | 1,732 |
| Total | 914 | 3,011 |

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

Sincerely,



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