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Dear Mr. Rosen,

Please find the Department of Corrections response to the additional question raised by Senator Greenstein of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

**Senator Greenstein:**

1. Please provide the committee with the number of inmates who have escaped during the past three years from halfway house placements. How many of these escapees committed additional crimes while loose?

**Response:** An inmate in a Halfway House program is designated as a walk-away if they leave the program without proper authorization or if they fail to report to, or return from, a specific community appointment (including their approved worksite). The chart below details the number of inmates who have walked away (“escaped”) during the past three fiscal years as well as the number, year-to-date, for FY2013:

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<th>Halfway House Total Walkaways</th>
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<td>FY 2010</td>
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<td>FY 2011</td>
<td>295</td>
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<td>FY 2012</td>
<td>260</td>
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<td>YTD FY 2013</td>
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When an inmate walks away from a Residential Community Release Program, he or she is immediately entered in NCIC (National Crime Information Center) in order to insure appropriate notification of all law enforcement personnel. As soon as this notification is made, the
Department of Corrections Special Investigations Division initiates an investigation, in
conjunction with other law enforcement authorities for the purpose of apprehending the subject
as quickly as possible.

It is difficult to provide a definite answer as to how many of the above referenced inmates have
committed additional crimes while at large. Data is not readily available since full adjudication
is often a lengthy process and multiple charges are usually filed for a single offense in addition to
the escape/walk-away.

2. Please provide the committee with the number of inmates who have escaped
from DOC facilities during the past three years. How many of these escapees
committed additional crimes while loose?

Response: The chart below details the number of inmate who have escaped from DOC
Secure Facilities during the past three years as well as the number, year-to-date, for FY
2013:

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committed additional crimes while at large. Data is not readily available since full adjudication
is often a lengthy process and multiple charges are usually filed for a single offense in addition to
the escape.

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

Sincerely,

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