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Dear Mr. Haines:

Please find the Department of Corrections' responses to questions raised by members of the Assembly Budget Committee:

**Chairman Schaer:**

**Question #1:** *Please provide the committee with information on whether other States provide Medicaid to incarcerated individuals. What Medicaid services do other States provide to incarcerated individuals?*

**Response:** Medicaid is provided for incarcerated individuals to the extent that Medicaid will only pay for services delivered during an inpatient stay of at least 24 hours in a medical institution, such as an acute care hospital. This is based on federal guidelines and does not vary by state. So to the extent that other states seek reimbursement from the federal government, they are subjected to the same limitations as New Jersey.

**Assemblyman Singleton:**

**Question #1:** *According to the Department of Corrections' Offender Characteristics Report, as of January 3, 2017, a total of 19 inmates between the ages of 31 to 33 years were housed in the youth complex; one inmate was between the ages of 34 to 36 years; one inmate was between the ages of 37 to 39 years; one inmate was between the ages of 45 to 49 years; and one inmate was between the ages of 55 to 59 years.*

**What is the reason for housing adult inmates over the age of 30 within the youth complex?**

**Response:** Below are a few examples of when an offender over the age of 30 could be placed at a youth facility.

- **Returns from halfway houses** – If an offender has violated the rules of Community placement he is returned to the designated Regional facility. A process is then followed to determine the appropriate placement for that offender. Garden State Youth Correctional Facility (GSYCF) is a Regional facility and therefore inmates over the age of 30 could be temporarily housed there during this process.
- **Infirmary Placement** - GSYCF has a full infirmary with nursing staff assigned 24/7. There are times when an inmate's medical condition requires him to be placed in this infirmary (an available bed for his level of care). Once he is released from the infirmary, he is returned to his adult facility.
- **Community work details** - These assignments occur when the adult inmate has a particular skillset, and is assigned to a work detail where that talent can be utilized in the community. They would be housed in a full-minimum unit.

**Question #2:** *Please provide the committee with a list of the vocational education programs offered to young adult inmates housed within the youth complex.*

**Response:** Please see attached Table 1, Section B provides a list of vocational education programs offered to the young adult inmates housed within the youth complex.

**Question #3:** *How many inmates under the age of 21 are participating in academic and vocational education programs by youth facility? Please list the number of inmates by program.*

**Response:** The NJDOC is in the process of compiling this information regarding the number of inmates in each program. This data will be available in about two weeks and the Department will submit a follow-up letter identifying the counts.

**Question #4:** *Please provide the committee with a summary of the participation rates of inmates under the age of 21 in each of the vocational education programs in each of the youth facilities.*

**Response:** The statewide participation rate (enrolled/admitted) of the "21 and under" population is noted in Table 1, Section A. The Department is working towards developing a DataMart which will enable us to retrieve and disaggregate data in a more granular way to better track participation rates at each program.

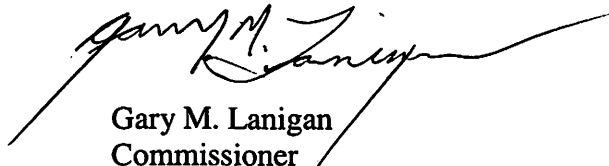
**Question #5:** *The number of inmates under 21 years old participating in education programs in Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility has fallen by nearly 50 percent since FY 2015 (Page D-69). Please provide an explanation of why this has occurred.*

**Response:** Since Fiscal Year 2010, our total inmate population has decreased by about 21 % while the under 21 population decreased by 61% in that same time period due in part to the interventions in place by drug courts and other diversionary programs. Hence, the declining trend of participants at Mountainview is consistent with the downward trend in the number of inmates under the age of 21 in NJDOC custody.

As is evidenced by our reduction in State Facilities Education Act (SFEA) funding, the number of inmates under 21 without a High School Diploma, or the equivalent, has also been dropping steadily. This trend reflects that a greater percentage of this population is entering the system with a High School Diploma. In FY 2010, the number of inmates in all youth facilities without a High School Diploma or equivalent was 451 compared to the FY 2017, (October 15, 2016) count of 171. This is a reduction of 62% over the period.

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

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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**TABLE 1.**

|               |                                |            |
|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>(FY16)</b> | <b>Under 21 Total Admitted</b> | <b>372</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|

|                  | <b>Youth Facilities</b>   | <b>NJDOC</b> | <b>EMCF</b>                                     | <b>GYCF</b>                                     | <b>MYCF</b>                                     | <b>ACWCF</b>                                    |
|------------------|---|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Section A</b> | <b>Statewide Vocational Program Participation Rate</b>              | <b>88%</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Section B</b> | <b>Vocational Programming Offered Listed by facility ----- &gt;</b> |              | <b>Carpentry</b>                                | <b>Building Trades</b>                          | <b>C-Tech-Fiber Optics/Cabling</b>              | <b>Cosmetology/Barbering</b>                    |
|                  |   |              | <b>Cosmetology/Barbering</b>                    | <b>Cabinetry</b>                                | <b>Green Technology</b>                         | <b>C-Tech Fiber Optics/Cabling</b>              |
|                  |   |              | <b>CTech /Cabling/Voice Messaging</b>           | <b>Computer Applications</b>                    | <b>Heavy Equipment Operator</b>                 | <b>Forklift Operator</b>                        |
|                  |   |              | <b>Traffic and Flagging</b>                     | <b>Cosmetology/Barbering</b>                    | <b>OSHA 10</b>                                  | <b>Green Technology</b>                         |
|                  |   |              | <b>C-Tech Integrated Systems</b>                | <b>Culinary Arts-ServSafe</b>                   | <b>Culinary Arts/Servsafe</b>                   | <b>Horticulture/Pesticide/Landscaping</b>       |
|                  |   |              | <b>Culinary Arts/ServSafe</b>                   | <b>Forklift Operator</b>                        | <b>Traffic and Flagging</b>                     | <b>OSHA 10</b>                                  |
|                  |   |              | <b>Career Readiness Workforce Learning Link</b> | <b>Green Technology</b>                         | <b>Career Readiness Workforce Learning Link</b> | <b>Upholstery and Interior Design</b>           |
|                  |   |              | <b>Green Technology</b>                         | <b>Landscaping</b>                              | <b>Vocational Assessment</b>                    | <b>Traffic and Flagging</b>                     |
|                  |   |              | <b>Career Assessment</b>                        | <b>OSHA 30</b>                                  |   | <b>Career Readiness Workforce Learning Link</b> |
|                  |   |              | <b>OSHA 10</b>                                  | <b>OSHA 10</b>                                  |   | <b>Vocational Assessment</b>                    |
|                  |   |              | <b>Vocational Assessment</b>                    | <b>Career Readiness Workforce Learning Link</b> |   |   |
|                  |   |              |   | <b>Vocational Assessment</b>                    |   |   |
|                  |   |              |   | <b>Horticulture/ Pesticide Applications</b>     |   |   |

Table 1: NJDOC Office of Educational Services, FY 16 Vocational Overview of 'Youth' Facilities.