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Dear Ms. Murray:

Thank you for the information provided in the testimony of yourself and Ms. Elizabeth Hill, during our March 10, 2016 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting. Below are follow up questions from the Subcommittee, based on the information received.

### *Performance Based Standards*

1. For each of the last four years, the PbS rating (i.e. 4, 3, 2, or 1) for DJJ has a whole and for each facility and unit/dorm at the agency.
2. List of all PbS outcome measures for which the agency has data during the last four years.
3. List of all the different types of reports the agency can print from the PbS database, including a brief explanation of the information that would be found in each report.

### *Improvement Plan*

4. Deadline for completion/implementation of each item in the DJJ Improvement Plan.
5. Outcome Measures the agency is monitoring to determine if the items in the Improvement Plan are successful or not, including the current base level for each measure, target for the measure and personnel responsible.

*Additional Information*

6. Number of events, which occurred at a DJJ facility during August 2015 through the end of March 2016, which could have been referred to the solicitor, magistrate or family court.
  - a. Number of these events which were not referred because the DJJ employee decided not to press charges;
  - b. Number of these events that were referred; and
  - c. Of the events referred, number in which actual charges were brought.
7. Year BARJ started at BRRC.
8. Explanation of how the agency ensures juveniles in different gangs are not placed together in the same dorm.
9. A copy of any federal or state law which prevents correctional officers at juvenile facilities from knowing information about the juveniles inside the correction facility.
10. The annual salary for the Police Chief position, which the agency saved, during the years the agency did not have someone in this position.
11. The annual salary for the Gang Specialist position, which the agency saved, during the years the agency did not have someone in this position.
12. Each position at the agency which received a salary increase, including the original salary and new salary, for each year from 2010-2015.

Please provide responses to items 2 and 3 by Friday, March 25, 2016 and responses to the other items by Thursday, March 31, 2016.

In your responses to these questions, please provide the subcommittee with any relevant, necessary context information. If the agency has any concerns about the format of these questions yielding answers that do not provide an accurate reflection of the agency, please express those concerns, prior to responding, in a letter to me with a copy to committee staff. Please retain your working papers for these responses in the event the subcommittee would like to view those.

Lastly, the Subcommittee meeting originally scheduled for this Wednesday, March 16, 2016 is being postponed. We will follow up with you regarding a new date in the near future.

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee looks forward to assisting the agency in its plans to improve its efficiency and outcomes.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Kirkman Finlay NI  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton  
The Honorable William K. Bowers  
The Honorable Raye Felder  
The Honorable Edward R. Tallon Sr.