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Honorable Kirkman Finlay, III, Chairman
SC House Legislative Oversight Committee
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Dear Chairman Finlay:

Thank you for your March 2, 2016 letter asking the South Carolina Department of Public Safety to provide additional information to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee. The Subcommittee's questions regarding the particular agency divisions are reproduced below along with the corresponding data requested.

Illegal Immigration Unit

- Copies of certifications of the agency's illegal immigration unit.
- List of the drug task forces the illegal immigration unit works with.
- A breakdown of the types of cases made by the illegal immigration unit and number of those that resulted in an arrest and conviction.

Response:

- *Copies of certifications of the agency's illegal immigration unit.*

All officers assigned to the Immigration Enforcement Unit ("IEU") have completed the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Title 19 Cross-Designation Training and received federal credentials identifying them as United States Customs Officers. The Customs Officer designation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1401(i) authorizes officers to enforce all Customs and related laws, conduct searches, make seizures and arrests, and perform other law enforcement duties authorized by law, all subject to any limitations and conditions annotated on his/her "Designation, Customs Officer" form. Copies of all IEU officers' Title 19 training certificates are provided herein.



SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL



STATE TRANSPORT POLICE



BUREAU OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES



IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT



Internationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

- *List of the drug task forces the illegal immigration unit works with.*

IEU works with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration on drug matters and also partners with several state and federal agencies on various criminal enforcement initiatives.

- *A breakdown of the types of cases made by the illegal immigration unit and number of those that resulted in an arrest and conviction.*

The IEU has opened two-hundred two (202) criminal investigative cases against foreign nationals illegally present, and these cases have resulted in ninety-nine (99) arrests and three-hundred twenty-four (324) criminal arrest warrants being issued. Of the number of criminal warrants issued, **one-hundred thirty-five (135) have resulted in convictions** and approximately seventy (70) are pending. A breakdown of the number and type of warrants issued is outlined below.

Immigration Enforcement Unit Warrants Issued (By Type)

CHARGE TYPE	NUMBER OF WARRANTS ISSUED	CHARGE TYPE	NUMBER OF WARRANTS ISSUED
Forgery	119	Identity Fraud	83
Fraudulent Application	45	Perjury	9
Vehicle Title Fraud	16	Illegal Possession of Firearm	6
Resisting Arrest	1	Making/Selling False Identifications	3
Providing False Information	28	Driver's License Violation	13
Narcotics Violation	1		

Highway Patrol

- Is there at least one Trooper on duty, on the road, in each county 24 hours a day, seven days a week? If no, in which counties may this not be the case in normal operating conditions?
- Cost of training and equipping a class of 40 highway patrol troopers.
- Cost of training and equipping one highway patrol trooper for someone with no law enforcement experience.

Response:

- *Is there at least one Trooper on duty, on the road, in each county 24 hours a day, seven days a week? If no, in which counties may this not be the case in normal operating conditions?*

No. Troopers are assigned 24/7 to the following individual counties: Aiken, Anderson, Greenville, Horry, Lexington, Richland, Spartanburg, and York. The following counties have Troopers assigned 24/7 to the Post (regional) area but not to individual counties:

Abbeville/Greenwood
Allendale/Bamberg/Barnwell/Hampton
Beaufort/Jasper
Charleston/Berkeley
Cherokee/Union
Chester/Fairfield
Chesterfield/Lancaster
Colleton/Dorchester
Darlington/Marlboro
Florence/Dillon/Marion
Georgetown/Williamsburg
Kershaw/Lee
Laurens/Newberry
Oconee/Pickens
Orangeburg/Calhoun
Saluda/Edgefield/McCormick
Sumter/Clarendon

- *Cost of training and equipping a class of 40 highway patrol troopers.*

40 Troopers – Salary and Fringe for 29 weeks of Training	\$1,174,233.20
40 Troopers – New Equipment Costs	\$1,945,062.80
<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>\$3,119,296.00</u>

40 Troopers – Salary and Fringe for 29 weeks of Training	\$1,174,233.20
40 Troopers – Reissued Equipment Costs*	\$ 145,062.80
<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>\$1,319,296.00</u>

*Alternative cost based on reissuance of relatively non-expendable items such as vehicles and weapons rather than purchase of all-new equipment.

- *Cost of training and equipping one highway patrol trooper for someone with no law enforcement experience.*

\$77,982.40 (Salary, fringe and new equipment)

\$32,982.40 (Salary, fringe and reissued* equipment)

*Alternative cost based on reissuance of relatively non-expendable items such as vehicles and weapons rather than purchase of all-new equipment.

Discipline/Office of Professional Responsibility

- Is the agency's disciplinary policy the same for all divisions of the agency?
- Number of Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) investigators on staff and the turnover rate for this office.
- If an OPR investigation reveals any criminal activity is that information forwarded to the local Solicitor's office? If yes, how many OPR investigations have been forwarded to the local solicitor's office in the last four years?
- A breakdown of the OPR investigations of law enforcement officers by their ranks.

Response:

- *Is the agency's disciplinary policy the same for all divisions of the agency?*

Yes.

- *Number of Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) investigators on staff and the turnover rate for this office.*

OPR currently has five (5) investigators and one (1) administrative assistant. This current staff has been unchanged since June 2015.

<u>Year</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Separations**	1	3	2	1
Total Employee FTEs*	6	7	8	7

*Reflects the number of employees working during the calendar year shown *before* the corresponding separation(s) in that year occurred.

**"Separations" include both voluntary (e.g., resignations and retirements) and involuntary (e.g., internal reassignments and terminations) employee departures from the referenced agency division.

During the four-year period above, the average FTE employee turnover rate was 24.75%.

- *If an OPR investigation reveals any criminal activity is that information forwarded to the local Solicitor's office? If yes, how many OPR investigations have been forwarded to the local solicitor's office in the last four years?*

No. OPR forwards all allegations of criminal activity to SLED or the appropriate law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction. In the last four (4) years, OPR has forwarded twenty-eight (28) written requests for proper investigation to another law enforcement agency. Additionally, SLED is called immediately when there is an officer-involved shooting incident (a written request is not made in such instances).

- *A breakdown of the OPR investigations of law enforcement officers by their ranks.*

Ranks	2012	2013	2014	2015
Non-supervisory	107	120	141	179
Corporal/Inv.	16	23	21	33
Sergeant	4	3	12	5
First Sergeant	2	3	1	5
Lieutenant	0	1	2	1
Captain	0	5	0	1
Major	0	0	0	0
Lt. Colonel	0	0	0	0
Colonel/Chief	0	1	0	0
Totals	129	156	177	224

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Office of Human Resources

- Number of employees who have been hired and trained by the Office of Human Resources in the last four years.
- Turnover rate for the Office of Human Resources for the last four years.

Response:

<u>Year</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
New Hires	5	4	5	7
Separations*	7	2	7	5
Total Employee FTEs**	9	12	11	12


*"Separations" include both voluntary (e.g., resignations and retirements) and involuntary (e.g., internal reassignments and terminations) employee departures from the referenced agency division.

**Reflects the number of employees at the end of the year shown.

During the four-year period above, the average number of FTE hires made was 5.25, the average number of FTE employees was 11, and the average FTE employee turnover rate was 47.72 %.

I trust the foregoing information is thoroughly responsive to the Subcommittee's inquiries. Please let me know if any additional information is desired.

Sincerely, 


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Leroy Smith
Director

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Certificate of Training

For participation in the Homeland Security Investigations

TITLE 19 - Customs Authority Training

Conducted on April 24-25, 2012, in Charleston, South Carolina this certificate is presented to

Eddie C Johnson

This 25th day of April 2012

Signature Redacted

Brock D. Nicholson, Special Agent in Charge



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement *Certificate of Training*

For participation in the Homeland Security Investigations

TITLE 19 - Customs Authority Training

Conducted on June 20-21, 2012 in Blythewood, South Carolina this certificate is presented to

Justin J. Meeks

This 21st day of June 2012

Signature Redacted

Brock D. Nicholson, Special Agent in Charge



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John A. Cardona

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Roger B. Brock, Jr.

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Edward D. Hudson

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