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The Honorable Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
and the Honorable Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capital Room 518  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly,

This letter is in response to questions posed by the Senate Finance Committee during meetings on the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) capital budget.

***How are participants for the Arctic Winter Games chosen?***

Team Alaska athletes must be a resident of Alaska, and between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age. Athletes must comply with athlete eligibility policies as defined by the Athlete Eligibility Policy in the AWG International Staging Manual. All 20 sports have established procedures for selecting sports teams. These procedures are reviewed bi-annually, a process that will be complete at the end of February 2013. The Sport Coordinator selects the athletes, in collaboration with the coaches and confirmation by the Team Alaska Chef de Mission.

***How many participants are there?***

The 2014 Games will be hosted in Fairbanks Alaska. Over 2000 athletes, representing nine territories, will participate. Team Alaska will be comprised of 306 athletes and 75 volunteer coaches and staff.

***What is the distribution of athletes across the state?***

To date, young athletes from over 90 communities in Alaska have participated in the games (see attached Team Alaska fact sheet with list of participating communities).

Senator Meyer  
February 26, 2013  
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If additional information is required please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jo Ellen Hanrahan", with a small "on" written below it.

Jo Ellen Hanrahan  
Director

***Attachments:***

Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska Fact Sheet