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FY20 Operating Budget

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## Memorandum

March 12, 2019

TO: Amanda Price  
Commissioner-Designee, Department of Public Safety

FROM: Representative Bart LeBon  
Chair, House Finance DPS Budget Subcommittee

RE: FY20 Budget Questions

Your participation in the past two subcommittee meetings has been very much appreciated and I believe has positively increased members' level of understanding of the DPS budget. In the interest of time, as we move towards focusing on a few select items in the budget and near closeout, I've gathered the following questions below from members that the committee was unable to have answered during prior hearings but would aid our understanding of the FY20 budget proposal.

I would appreciate it if the Department could provide written answers to my office by close of business on Monday, March 18 so members have enough time to review the response before we deliberate on the budget. Please contact my office for clarifications.

Attachment: March 12, 2019 HDPS Questions for the Department

CC: Dan Spencer, Administrative Services Director for DPS-OMB  
Casey Bluhm, Office of Management and Budget

1. In the Department's FY2018 actuals for the Alaska State Trooper Detachment allocation, it appears that the Department was going to revert some \$2 million in personal services and ended up spending it on capital outlay instead. What did the Department purchase with those funds?
2. Does the Department expect to lapse any funding within the Alaska State Trooper Detachments personal services line for FY19 and, if so, could any of that funding be used against the Department's FY19 Supplemental request?
3. The FY20 Governor Amended budget proposes to transfer 3 Human Resources PCNs and 2 Grants staff to the Commissioner's Office from Administrative Services. What is the purpose of housing those staff within the Commissioner's Office instead of Administrative Services and then funding those positions through Interagency Receipts?
4. Why did the Alaska Wildlife Troopers Aircraft Section have a \$538.2 surplus in FY19 and what will the Alaska Wildlife Troopers be using with the transferred funding for FY20?
5. To what extent has the Department leveraged partnerships with the Civil Air Patrol for Search and Rescue missions?
6. In increasing the Federal Receipt authority for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault under the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA), how long is the funding going to continue for and does the program have a plan for when (or if) those Federal funds discontinue?
7. What is the vacancy factor for the Alaska State Troopers Detachments?
8. While Commissioner-Designee Price noted that conversations between the Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections have not occurred regarding the proposed relocation of prisoners out of state, can the Department elaborate on how that process may be budgeted for? Would a FY20 Supplemental appropriation be necessary to fulfil that task?
9. On Slide 7 of the OMB-DPS FY2020 Budget Overview, the Alaska Bureau of High Patrol is listed as "critical" to the Department's mission but rated as "ineffective." Could the Department please explain that rating and the steps the Department is taking to correct that situation?
10. How many patrol vehicles does the Department own and how many of those vehicles are presently assigned to active personnel?

11. During the March 12 HDPS Hearing, Commissioner-Designee Price commented that it was the Department's intention to fill all the vacant trooper PCNs that are funded in the FY20 budget proposal and that the Department intends to ask for a supplemental request next year. Could the Department clarify what that supplemental request would be for if all the requested trooper positions were fully funded?