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February 18, 2010

The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
The Honorable Bert Stedman
Co-Chairs Senate Finance
State Capital Building
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senators Hoffman and Stedman,

Attached is the additional information that you requested from Trena Heikes, Director of the Workers' Compensation Division at the Senate Finance hearing on SB 159-Workers' Compensation Funeral Expenses.

The three documents provide the information requested by the committee. They are as follows:

1. Attachment A: Details the minimum funeral costs in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai, Alaska.
2. Attachment B: Identifies the total number of work-related injuries reported for FY 2000 through FY 2009. Total injuries are separated into those involving time-loss from work, those in which no time-loss was required and those resulting in death. The "jurisdictional" portion identifies the total number of injuries in which coverage under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act was questioned (i.e. may have involved the Longshore and Harbor Workers Act or the Jones Act).
3. Attachment C: Identifies all employer's and cause of death for the 17 work-related deaths reported in FY 2009. By identifying the employer, we hope to identify the various industries involved in these deaths.

If you need further assistance, please contact Paula Scavera, Legislative Liaison at 465-2700.

Sincerely,



Clark Bishop
Commissioner

Attachment A

AVERAGE FUNERAL COSTS

	Anchorage	Kenai	Fairbanks
<u>Traditional Funeral Service Preceded by a Visitation: *</u>			
Basic Services	\$3,500.00	\$3,695.00	\$3,360.00
Casket	2,130.00	2,130.00	2,130.00
Outer Burial Container (Required Fairbanks)			800.00
Marker	735.00	735.00	735.00
Plot Charge	960.00	250.00	650.00
Grave digging fee	510.00	510.00	650.00
Marker Setting Fee & Vault Installation (Required – Fairbanks)			350.00
Total	\$7,835.00	\$7,320.00	\$8,675.00

NOTE: Charges are minimum burial costs and do not include the following:

Refrigeration costs	\$55/day
Weekend/holiday or after hour fees	\$350.00
Airline Shipping costs (varies)	
Anch. – Fbx.	\$221 + .12/lb
Anch. – Nome	\$315 + .12/lb
Anch – Seattle	\$331 + .12/lb
Air tray required for airline transport	\$200.00
Ground transportation beyond 25 miles:	2.50/mile
Memorial Folders	75.00/100 cards/.50 ea. additional

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Attachment B

TOTAL FILINGS BY TYPE
FY09 Annual Report Board Filings
(Percentage Change)

	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Total Board Files Established	28,233 -1.36%	28,665 1.53%	28,174 -1.71%	25,981 -7.78%	24,544 -5.53%	23,939 -2.46%	23,716 -0.93%	22,528 -5.01%	22,261 -1.19%	21,454 -3.63%
No Time-Loss	18,040 0.67%	18,012 -0.16%	18,281 1.49%	17,193 -5.95%	16,032 -6.75%	15,959 -0.46%	15,873 -0.54%	15,352 -3.28%	15,484 0.86%	14,540 -6.10%
Time-Loss	10,073 -3.12%	10,582 5.05%	9,802 -7.37%	8,739 -10.84%	8,472 -3.06%	7,914 -6.59%	7,771 -1.81%	6,395 -17.71%	6,727 5.19%	6,862 2.01%
Fatality	33 6.45%	37 12.12%	39 5.41%	23 -41.03%	17 -26.09%	27 58.82%	15 -44.44%	21 40.00%	29 38.10%	17 -41.38%
Jurisdictional	87 -68.13%	36 -58.62%	21 -41.67%	14 -33.33%	20 42.86%	39 95.00%	57 46.15%	30 -47.37%	21 -30.00%	35 66.67%

REPORTED WORKERS' COMPENSATION FATALITIES

FY 2009

AWCB No	Fatality Date	InjuryDescription	Employer
200813997*	7/8/2008	ACUTE ONSET INTRACRANIAL BLEED	OCEAN BEAUTY SEAFOODS INC
200811129	7/19/2008	UNKNOWN CAUSE	VIKING LUMBER CO INC
200813582	8/21/2008	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	NATIVE VILLAGE OF SAVOONGA
200814457	8/29/2008	HOMICIDE VICTIM	GUY BARTLETT B & G HEATED MINI STORAGE
200819190	11/19/2008	HIT BY SNOW MACHINE	SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION
200823012*	11/21/2008	LUNG CANCER	UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE
200819856	11/26/2008	GUNSHOT	CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL
200820825*	12/17/2008	CARDIAC ARREST	PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER
200900601	1/15/2009	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	HOPE COMMUNITY RESOURCES INC
200900891*	1/28/2009	UNKNOWN CAUSE	ICE SERVICES, INC.
200904287	3/4/2009	UNKNOWN CAUSE	LITHIA MOTORS SUPPORT SERVICES INC
200903805	3/22/2009	AIRCRAFT CRASH	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION
200904122	3/23/2009	AIRCRAFT CRASH	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION
200905879	4/30/2009	FELL OFF BOAT HITTING HEAD	ALASKA R&C COMMUNICATIONS INC
200907533	5/23/2009	HIT WITH HAYWIRES	PHOENIX LOGGING CO
200908253*	6/19/2009	HEART ATTACK	NYAC MINING CO
200909448*	6/28/2009	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	SECON

* Employer has disputed compensation of claim