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Representative Saddler
Capitol, Room 513
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Re: Follow-up to February 2, 2016 House Finance Subcommittee Meeting

Dear Representative Saddler,

During last week's House Finance Subcommittee meeting, we received several requests from various subcommittee members for additional information related to the Department of Law. As requested, we are responding to your office.

We were requested to provide the following information:

- 1) Numbers of and locations of child protection attorneys.

Staffing of Child Protection by Geographic Location, FY14 through FY17

| | FY14 Mgmt Plan | FY15 Mgmt Plan | FY16 Mgmt Plan | FY17 Governor |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Location | # of Attorneys | # of Attorneys | # of Attorneys | # of Attorneys |
| Anchorage | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Bethel | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Fairbanks | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Juneau | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Kenai | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Nome | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Palmer | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total: | 26 | 25 | 26 | 26 |

- 2) Increases to Child in Need of Aid (CINA) cases in FY15 over FY14 case numbers. It should be noted that cases filed in Nome/Kotzebue decreased by 23% in the same period.

| Location | Increase |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Anchorage | 77% |
| Bethel | 79% |
| Fairbanks | 29% |
| Juneau | 55% |
| Kenai | 40% |
| Palmer/MatSu | <u>53%</u> |

- 3) The structure of the Public Integrity Unit (PIU) that is proposed in the FY17 budget.

Criminal Division, Public Integrity Unit: Personal Services Estimates

| Anchorage | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Job Title | Range | Step | Salary | Benefits | Total PS Costs | BU |
| Supervising AAG | 25 | C | 100,464 | 53,912 | 154,376 | XE |
| Attorney V | 25 | A | 93,720 | 51,381 | 145,101 | XE |
| Forensic Accountant | 24 | B | 86,880 | 49,433 | 136,313 | GP |
| Investigator IV | 20 | B | 69,216 | 42,325 | 111,541 | GP |
| LOA II | 13 | B | 40,836 | 32,146 | 72,982 | GP |
| Total | | | | | 620,313 | |
| Travel | | | | | 13,094 | |
| Commodities Other than I/A | | | | | 17,167 | |
| Interagency | | | | | 67,850 | |
| Supplies | | | | | 7,703 | |
| Equipment | | | | | 1,500 | |
| | | | | | <u>727,629</u> | |

The forensic accountant is a central component of this unit. Forensic accounting is a specialty practice area of accounting that has the experience and expertise to provide evidence at trial. Forensic analytics involve data collection, data preparation, data analysis, and reporting. An undisclosed financial benefit is nearly always a central aspect of fraud cases. Without the ability to analyze financial information, no prosecution will be successful.

The PIU would also include a criminal investigator who would conduct complex investigations and report directly to the Assistant Attorney General. The Criminal Division does not have its own investigators outside of the Medicaid Fraud Unit. Therefore, most investigations forwarded to the department are conducted by local law enforcement agencies. This working relationship will continue to be central to the success of the PIU. The unit will focus on three areas: use of force by law enforcement, corruption and fraud perpetrated upon the State of Alaska, and prisoner deaths in correctional facilities. Including an experienced criminal investigator within the PIU ensures that both the investigation and the prosecution will be jointly focused on the same goal.

4) The breakout of the Office of Special Prosecutions.

We have attached a spreadsheet of the PCNs in the unit as proposed in the FY17 budget.

In addition to these questions, we received a request on how many sexual assault cases go to trial, how many are plea bargained and what our success rate is. We mentioned during the meeting that we are implementing a new case management system. We are working on obtaining those reports but have not been successful yet and will forward them once we have them.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Blaisdell

Enclosure

**Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals: Office
of Special Prosecutions, including Medicaid Fraud Control and
Public Integrity Units**

| PCN | Job Title | Location | Dedicated? | To what? | |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------|--|
| 03-0282 | Attorney V | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-1266 | Attorney IV | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-0285 | Forensic Accountant | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-1312 | Investigator IV | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-0283 | Investigator III | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-0284 | Investigator III | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-1310 | Investigator III | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-1248 | Investigator III | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-1311 | Investigator III | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| 03-0278 | Law Office Assistant I | Anchorage | Y | MFCU | |
| | Attorney V | Anchorage | Y | PIU | Existing PCNs within the Criminal Division will be repurposed for these positions. A review of PCNs is currently underway. |
| | Attorney V | Anchorage | Y | PIU | |
| | Forensic Accountant | Anchorage | Y | PIU | |
| | Investigator IV | Anchorage | Y | PIU | |
| | Law Office Asst. II | Anchorage | Y | PIU | |
| 03-1079 | Attorney V | Anchorage | N | Office Chief | |
| 03-1280 | Attorney V | Anchorage | N | Rural Prosecution | |
| 03-1279 | Attorney V | Anchorage | N | Rural Prosecution | |
| 03-1281 | Attorney IV | Anchorage | Y | Revenue Fraud | |
| 03-0265 | Attorney IV | Anchorage | Y | Welfare Fraud | |
| 03-1302 | Attorney IV | Anchorage | N | Cyber Crime | |
| 03-1254 | Attorney IV | Anchorage | Y | Child Support Enforcement | |
| 03-1022 | Attorney III | Anchorage | Y | Environmental Crime | |
| 03-1267 | Attorney III | Anchorage | N | Fish & Game Prosecution | |
| 03-1247 | Attorney II | Anchorage | Y | Alcohol Interdiction | |
| 03-1110 | Paralegal II | Anchorage | Y | | |
| 03-1278 | Paralegal II | Anchorage | N | | |
| 03-1293 | Paralegal II | Anchorage | N | | |
| 03-1095 | Law Office Assistant II | Anchorage | N | | |
| 03-0093 | Law Office Assistant I | Anchorage | N | | |
| 03-1283 | Law Office Assistant I | Anchorage | Y | | |
| 03-1111 | Office Assistant I | Anchorage | N | | |

PCNs in the Office of Criminal Appeals are not reflected here.