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RE: FY 2007 First Quarterly Report on Deaths in Correctional Facilities

Dear Chairmen:

Your October 20, 2006, letter to the Secretary of Budget and Management indicated your agreement to allow the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide ongoing data on deaths occurring in correctional facilities on a quarterly basis. This letter contains data on deaths occurring during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007. For the Committees' convenience, the data is presented in the same format utilized in the Joint Chairmen's Report submitted on October 2, 2006.

During the months of July through September, there was a total of 21 deaths of individuals confined to correctional institutions. The largest number of those deaths falls into the "natural" or "illness related" category as a result of the lifestyles of these individuals. The table below provides a synopsis of these death events.

Manner of Death	Number of Deaths
Natural/Illness Related	17
Suicide	0
Alcohol/Drug Intoxication	2
Homicide	1
Execution	0
Unknown, Rule out Suicide	0
Unknown, Rule out Natural-Illness	1

The details of each death event appear in the table below.

DOD	Manner/Death	Cause	Notes	Hep B	Hep C	HIV	MRSA
Jul-06	Unknown	R/O Natural					
Jul-06	Homicide	Stabbing	Stab wound to back				
Jul-06	Natural	End Stage AIDS	Coma				
Jul-06	Natural	Cardiac	Cardiac arrhythmia due to cardiomegaly, Hep A				
Jul-06	Natural	Sepsis					
Jul-06	Natural	Pulmonary	Pulmonary hypertension				
Jul-06	Natural	Cardiac					
Jul-06	Natural	Other	Respiratory failure secondary to end stage IPF				
Jul-06	Natural	Liver Disease			Hep C		
Jul-06	Natural	Cardiac					
Aug-06	A/D Intox	Intoxication	Narcotic intoxication				
Aug-06	Natural	Other	Respiratory failure probably secondary to massive metastasis to the lungs				
Aug-06	Natural	HIV/AIDS				HIV	
Aug-06	Natural	Cardiac					
Aug-06	Natural	Hemorrhage	Massive intracranial bleeding				
Sep-06	Natural	HIV/AIDS		Hep B	Hep C	HIV	
Sep-06	Natural	Cardiac	Coronary artery thrombosis, ASCVD				
Sep-06	Natural	Cancer	Global decompensation due to metastatic melanoma and its complications				
Sep-06	A/D Intox	Intoxication	Heroin				
Sep-06	Natural	Cardiac	Dilated cardiomyopathy				
Sep-06	Natural	Cardiac					

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I hope this report and all future reports on this matter are both informative and helpful to you and your respective Committee members. If the Department or I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

Enclosure

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