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Representative Don Roberts, Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee for
Health and Human Services
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Dear Chairman Roberts:

The following responses are being provided to answer questions asked by subcommittee members during Department of Public Health and Human Services presentations by the Senior and Long Term Care Division.

Question from Representative Belcourt: How many workers work for personal assistance agencies and receive health care for health care insurance benefits. How many work for agencies and do not receive this insurance. How many agencies participate in the health care for health care workers insurance program?

There are 19 Medicaid personal assistance provider agencies that have enrolled in the Health Care for Health Care Worker insurance program in FY 2011, out of a total of 33 providers of this service. Providers that do not participate either have an existing insurance plan or provide only a small percentage of Medicaid reimbursed services. There are more than 670 individual workers (will be close to 700 by the end of FY11) who receive the insurance benefit, out of approximately 3,000 workers. It should be noted that many of the 3,000 workers are not eligible for the insurance benefit since they need to meet minimum qualifications (work more than 20 hours and be employed for three months) in order to participate. Other workers choose to not participate if they have coverage from another source.

Question from Representative Burnett: How many buildings or properties are represented in the non D of A Rent Adjustment decision package?

There are 17 different leases and properties across the state represented in this decision package.

Question from Representative Burnett: What is the cost of the Governors Conference on Aging?

The total cost to put on all three conferences in FY 2010 was \$35,488. This conference is funded with donations and registration fees. There are no state dollars provided to put on these conferences.

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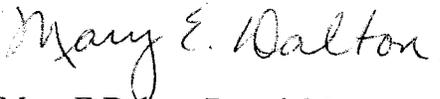


Question from Representative Esp: How many miles do the state owned cars that are being replaced with motor pool leased cars have on them?

There are 16 division owned cars and 11 of them have been driven an excess of 100,000 miles. The car with the most miles has 147,761. The decision package represents the net cost of leasing motor pool vehicles and the reduction in maintenance and repairs for the owned vehicles. These vehicles are driven by adult protective service workers in the course of carrying out their jobs across the State.

The Division Administrator or I would be happy to discuss these responses further if the subcommittee has further questions.

Sincerely,



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