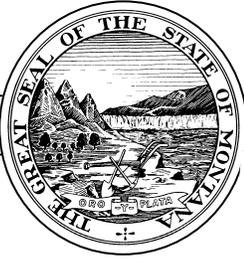


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Legislative Finance Committee
c/o Representative Jon Sesso, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Sesso and Members of the Legislative Finance Committee:

Enclosed with this letter are three reports that are due from the Office of the State Public Defender to the Legislative Finance Committee by September 30, 2012 as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a) and (b).

The first report provides for FY 2012 the number of cases opened, the number of cases closed, the number of cases that remain open and active, and the number of cases that remain open but are inactive. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a).

The second report provides for FY 2012 the number of days between case openings and closings for each case type. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a).

The third report provides for FY 2012 the amount of funds collected as reimbursements for services rendered, including the number of cases for which a collection is made, the number of cases for which an amount is owed, the amount collected, and the amount remaining unpaid. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (b).

Please contact me if you need any clarification of this information at 406-496-6080.

Sincerely,

William F. Hooks
Chief Public Defender

cc: Richard E. Gillespie, Chair, Public Defender Commission
Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division
Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
 CASES OPENED AND CLOSED IN FY 2011 & FY 2012
 ACTIVE AND INACTIVE CASES REMAINING OPEN
 TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

	<u>CASES</u>		<u>CASES</u>
6/30/2010 Beg. Balance	18,051	6/30/2011 Beg. Balance	20,617
FY 2011 Cases Opened*	27,664	FY 2012 Cases Opened	30,912
FY 2011 Cases Closed	<u>(25,098)</u>	FY 2012 Cases Closed	<u>(30,107)</u>
6/30/2011 Ending Balance	20,617	6/30/2012 Ending Balance	21,422
Active Cases	17,303	Active Cases	17,810
Inactive Cases	<u>3,314</u>	Inactive Cases	<u>3,612</u>
	20,617		21,422

* Number of opened cases changed due to information received after the 9/30/2011 filing of this report. This change affected the ending balance.

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN BY CASE TYPE
CASES CLOSED DURING FY 2012
TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

CASE TYPE NAME	CODE	2012 AVG. DAYS OPEN
Criminal	DC	255
Guardianship	DG	234
Involuntary Commitment	DI	113
Juvenile	DJ	197
Dependent & Neglect	DN	474
Courts of Limited Jurisdiction	LC	158

Office of the State Public Defender
Judgments, Assessments and
Collections of Legal Fees

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY2011	FY2012
JUDGMENTS, COLLECTIONS AND OPD ASSESSMENTS PRE SB 263 / 187						
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ 41,211	\$ 138,207	\$ 358,925	\$ 333,840	\$ 323,469
Assessments by Year	49,229	131,814	253,292	14,371	20,475	11,725
Total Collections by Year	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(39,456)	(30,845)	(5,300)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	20	81	228	242	202	4
Total Balance of A/R @ End of Year **	\$ 41,211	\$ 138,207	\$ 358,925	\$ 333,840	\$ 323,469	\$ 329,894
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	73	318	744	756	769
# of Clients Assessments by Year	81	285	488	14	18	7
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	(8)	(40)	(62)	(2)	(5)	(2)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	73	318	744	756	769	774
JUDGMENTS, COLLECTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS POST SENATE BILL 263 / 187						
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	308,299	716,632
Assessments by Year	-	-	-	329,516	501,483	414,185
Total Collections by Year	-	-	-	(21,218)	(93,149)	(186,479)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	-	-	-	224	886	1,177
Total Balance of A/R @ End of Year **	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308,299	\$ 716,632	\$ 944,338
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	-	-	-	1,014	2,477
# of Clients Assessments by Year	-	-	-	1,175	1,904	1,322
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	-	-	-	(161)	(441)	(464)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	-	-	-	1,014	2,477	3,335
TOTAL ALL JUDGMENTS, COLLECTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS INCLUDING SENATE BILL 263 / 187						
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ 41,211	\$ 138,207	\$ 358,925	\$ 642,139	\$ 1,040,102
Assessments by Year	49,229	131,814	253,292	343,887	521,957	425,910
Total Collections by Year **	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(60,674)	(123,994)	(191,890)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	20	81	228	466	1,088	1,181
Total Balance of A/R for Reporting Year **	\$ 41,211	\$ 138,207	\$ 358,925	\$ 642,139	\$ 1,040,102	\$ 1,274,121
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	73	318	744	1,770	3,246
# of Clients Assessments by Year	81	285	488	1,189	1,922	1,329
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	(8)	(40)	(62)	(163)	(446)	(466)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	73	318	744	1,770	3,246	4,109

** Financial Statement Reporting as follows \$ - \$ 66,637 \$ 213,181 \$ 481,939 \$ 900,298 \$ 1,274,121

There exists a variance between A/R Reported here, and A/R reported on Financial Statements. This is created out of a time lag between dated court orders and signature of those orders, and a secondary lag for that information to make its way to the OPD Central Office for reporting here.