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DATE: March 2, 2006  
TO: Legislative Finance Committee  
FROM: Taryn Purdy  
RE: Committee Information Requests

At and since its October and December meetings, individual members submitted various requests for information from agencies. Agency responses are included in this mail out. Any requests or investigations related to "bulldog" issues are included in their own agenda item and are not included in this section.

Information requests were in two general categories.

- 1) Additional reports on progress on goals and objectives for selected agencies. Some of these reports are still in process as of this writing. Staff has reviewed the submissions and raises two concerns:
  - o In the State Personnel Division of the Department of Administration, the Professional Development Center indicated a lack of meeting certain goals due to resource constraints. Staff notes that the issue appears to be a prioritization issue, rather than a resource issue
  - o The Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education is still working on tying measurable objectives to its goals, and the committee may wish a further update in six months
  - o The goals of the Centralized Services Division in the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation are very broad, and specific objectives to measure progress are not available
  - o The Governor's Office submitted draft goals. However, objectives are not readily identifiable and implementation status was not included
  - o In the State Auditor's Office, objectives were not specific, measurable, or time-bound
  - o Staff recommends that the committee revisit the Child Support Enforcement Division prior to the next legislative session due to the potential impacts of the federal budget changes and potential fee changes
- 2) Further performance management summaries. Staff created these documents in conjunction with agency staff.

In addition, the committee requested an economic analysis from the Department of Justice of the Forensics Laboratory facility comparing the cost of continued lease by the state versus purchase. This comparison is attached.

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