

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight
Representative James B. Black

FROM: Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

DATE: February 10, 2006

SUBJECT: Costs for Inmate Clothing and Laundry Services

Section 17.6.(c) of Session Law 2005-276 (Senate Bill 622) allows the Department of Correction to use funds available during the 2005-2006 fiscal year for the purchase of clothing and laundry services for the inmates if expenditures are projected to exceed the Department's budget for clothing and laundry services. The section requires the Department to consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to exceeding the continuation budget amount.

Pursuant to Section 17.6.(c), the Department of Correction is requesting consultation with the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations due to a projected need to exceed the Department's laundry services continuation budget for laundry services to inmates as of February 2006. The Department intends to use \$500,000 from lapse salary and other funds available to pay the cost of providing laundry services to inmates.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Staff from the Department of Correction will be available to provide additional information.

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Attachment

cc:	David McCoy	Theodis Beck	Mike Joyner
	Jim Mills	Byron Harris	
	Sheryl Stephens	Barbara Baker	

Department of Correction

DOC Laundry Services – 532182

Continuation Budgeted Amount: \$5,310,807

Projected Shortfall for 2005-06: \$500,000

Total Requirements for 2005-06: \$5,810,807

The Department reports the need to use funds available to cover the \$500,000 projected shortfall in the continuation budget for laundry services for inmates.

Basis for Shortfall: The Department of Correction will exceed the Continuation Budget for DOC laundry services for inmates. The cost for laundry services for inmates has increased due to the increase in inmate population. Actual expenditures for base year - \$4,737,694. Actual expenditures for 2004-05 were \$4,410,086.

532182 Laundry Services Account

Fund 1320 - Food, Clothing, & Personal Items Certified budget - \$5,310,807