Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the Law and Justice Committee at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

DeKalb County Government Sycamore, Illinois

Law & Justice Committee Minutes August 18, 2014

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East.

The meeting was called to order. Those present were Mr. Cvek, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Oncken, and Mrs. Turner. Mrs. Tobias was absent.

Others present were Chairman Metzger, Gary Hanson, Dianne Leifheit, Stephen Reid, Chief Breeze, Tom Ekle, Maureen Josh, Sheriff Scott, Glenna Johnson, Jil Olson, Sandra Polanco, Richard Schmack, Daniel Cribben, and Margi Gilmour.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM NOMINATIONS

Mr. Oncken moved to open nominations for a Chairman Pro Tem for the Law & Justice Committee Meeting and Mrs. Turner seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by voice vote

Mr. Oncken nominated County Board Chairman Jeff Metzger to be Chairman Pro Tem and Mr. Cvek seconded the motion.

Mr. Oncken moved to close the nominations for Chairman Pro Tem and Mr. Cvek seconded the motion it was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Law & Justice Committee unanimously voted in favor of Chairman Metzger being the Chairman Pro Tem of the meeting for the evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Frieders, seconded by Mr. Oncken and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from July 21, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hanson announced that he would like to pull item #7: Process for Implementing Neutral Exchange Program from the Agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Frieders and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT - MR. THOMAS McCULLOCH

Public Defender, Tom McCulloch, was absent from the meeting so the Committee took a few minutes to review the last two monthly Public Defender's reports in their packet. There were no questions or concerns.

COURT SERVICES AUGUST REPORTS – MS. MARGI GILMOUR

Ms. Gilmour shared that her monthly Adult Court Service Report continues to reflect a high number of pending intakes (193). She indicated that the office has been very busy and as the Committee will see in her budget request this year, she will be asking for an Adult Probation Officer as well as a Group Advisor. Community Services continues to be busy as well with 102 adults referred for hours in July, which is the largest number so far with year with almost 11,000 hours. She also shared they had just under 6,500 hours completed and with juveniles they had 8 referred for 490 hours and had 302 hours completed in July.

Ms. Gilmour continued to share her Juvenile Report which reflected they still have two youth in residential placements. One youth they are hoping to move them from the placement they are in to another that is a little less expensive. There were 6 youth detained in the month of July, which Ms. Gilmour indicated the numbers for detainees are a bit higher as they compare to last year.

Lastly Ms. Gilmour gave a brief update to the Committee on the Pre-Trial Program that started June 9th. The two officers that are part of the program have done a total of 92 bond investigation reports that resulted in 15 offenders that were released on pre-trial release and 68 offenders that were able to be released without pre-trail release because they were assessed at such a low risk level. From when Ms. Gilmour has heard from Judicial is that the reports from the Pre-Trial Program have been very helpful so far. The cost avoidance that the program has already accumulated is reaching up to about \$38,220. She also indicated that out of the 92 bond investigation reports that were done, 9 offenders were not released due to them rating on a high risk level. Lastly, Ms. Gilmour noted that she really feels that the program is doing what it is supposed to be doing and that they are on track with the cost saving predictions that the program was anticipated to have and she will be an office update on the program after they have about six months' worth of data.

CASA UPDATE

Ms. Jill Olson, Executive Director of the CASA Program in DeKalb County presented an update to the Committee. Ms. Olson explained that CASA is a Guardian ad litem (GAL) for DeKalb County. As Guardian ad litem, they are the legal entity that represents the legal interests and rights of the children who have been abused and/or neglected. CASA serves as the CASA/GAL for virtually all assigned children that are involved in a juvenile abuse and neglect case. The DeKalb County CASA program offers a unique volunteer opportunity. As appointed representatives of the court, CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Volunteers are everyday people who are appointed by the juvenile court to advocate for the best interests of these children.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the Law and Justice Committee at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

Law and Justice Committee Minutes August 18, 2014 Page 3 of 6

Ms. Olson handed out a chart to give everyone a historical perspective on the active child cases throughout the years they have been GALs for. She also shared that as of last year CASA has served a total of 216 children and opened up 52 new cases and closed 56. Ms. Olson also shared statistics to the Committee regarding the type of cases that CASA are involved with. Also during the past year they calculated the voluntary advocates provided over 9,500 hours of services which is currently valued at \$22.50 per hour which would equal to \$215,127 worth of time. She wanted to share those number to help show that because the law requires a GAL for any abused or neglected child, they believe that CASA provides a very costs effective way for the County to provide the service because the basic hours are provided by volunteers.

Chairman Metzger asked Ms. Olson what the structure of the office consisted of as far as staffing. She shared that they have two full time people, one being her, and there are two very part time people but the essence of the work are done by the volunteer advocates. Currently they have 67 volunteers but they are always looking for more, especially men.

Mr. Oncken asked how much the CASA Program's current operating budget is. Ms. Olson shared that it is \$160,000 annually and compared to other CASA programs they are one of the lowest budgeted program. She also wanted to thank the County for their assistance which makes up about 22% of their annual operating budget.

The Committee thanked Ms. Olson for coming and providing them with her annual update and to keep up the great work.

COURT FEE INCREASE FOR "COURT AUTOMATION" AND "DOCUMENT STORAGE"

DeKalb County Circuit Clerk, Maureen Josh, approach the Committee to present an opportunity to raise the amount of fees in the Circuit Clerk's Office for court automation and document storage. She explained that has been recently passed into law by Legislature that these fees can be increased by \$10 from the current \$15 to \$25. Mrs. Josh shared that it is her role as Clerk of the Court to bring the Committee that information as an opportunity to raise some revenue. Document storage and court automation fees are charged on every case and reiterated that the Clerk is currently collecting \$15 and would like to increase that amount to the now allowed \$25 per case. She also explained that those funds are used to provide every bit of automation in the DeKalb County Courthouse and also pay for things for the Judges, for the courts, staffing, and anything needed for everyday services. She also shared that ever since she has been Circuit Clerk, she has never come to the County to ask for money out of the General Fund for her automation items because they are paid for out of these funds. Mrs. Josh also shared with the Committee that court filing have been going down, not just in DeKalb County but all over the region so any opportunity given to raise some revenue would help offset costs for the courts.

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mrs. Turner and it was moved unanimously to forward a resolution to increase the Court Automation and Document Storage fees by \$10 for each fee to the Full County Board for approval.

ILLINOIS CRIMINAL CODE MODIFICATION - STEVE REID

Mr. Reid shared that he would like to find a solution in the large number of prisoners there are. He continued that our Justice System is essential to our County Government and is over \$20,000,000 of the General Fund per year. Everyone knows the huge financial issues that the Justice System is with the Courthouse Expansion and now the need for a new County Jail and we need to find money for that. There's many groups in the Country that are trying to find way to reform the current Justice System and unfortunately in our Country we don't admit mistakes very easily. Mr. Reid shared he believed that the fundamental problem is there are too many laws passed and being tough on crime is a popular things for Legislators. There has been a drug hysteria and a sex crime hysteria and although Legislators are well intentioned, sometimes they leave the Community with intentioned consequences that do not reflect the good use of our resources. Mr. Reid continued, as a County Board Member he would personally prefer to spend money on Public Health and Mental Health to help treat issues in that manner as opposed to the Criminal Justice System. He also shared that he spoke with Representative Robert Pritchard on this issue and he suggested if the County Board would be interested in try to Lobby our Legislators there would be some sort of letter drafted. Mr. Reid wanted to share his initiative to see if the Committee would be interested in pursuing this issue further.

Mr. Reid also drafted the following wording for the Committee to review that may be part of a letter, proclamation or resolution to forward to the State Legislators:

Prison populations in the U.S. have increased from 300,000 in 1973 to 2,300,000 today. America has the highest percentage of incarcerated people in the world. The DeKalb County Board recognizes that the Illinois criminal code has doubled in 20 years and hasn't been reformed since 1986. We recognize that some of our laws have become costly unfunded mandates for federal, state, and local governments. There are several groups around the country that are working to address this problem. Being "tough on crime" is politically popular. Politicians need to find the political will to admit past mistakes and to make the necessary changes. Our state and federal legislators need to consider reforming the criminal code and carefully consider before adding to it. Illinois should reform its mandatory minimum sentences, as other states have already done. We urge our legislators to recognize that our justice system can't solve all of our society's problems. Our jails have become our mental health facilities. To continue the failed policies of the past is an unwise use our resources and poor public policy.

Mr. Cvek shared that what has been laid out by Mr. Reid seems to be a bit broad and he didn't see anything in the wording that may be actionable which in turn may just get lost or pushed aside when sent to our Legislators.

Chairman Metzger shared that the Committee could possibly take a closer look at this issue and expand on the wording that Mr. Reid shared in order to form a more actionable item and to find out what form of document may get the most attention down in Springfield.

SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATION CENTER FEE SCHEDULE

Sheriff Scott joined the Law & Justice Committee to reiterate that last meeting when everyone met the sole topic of the meeting was to discuss the Sheriff's Communication Center fees for the municipalities. A forum was held and many Police Chief spoke about their concerns with the rising costs and the fee structure of how they are paying into the Communication Center. Since that meeting Sheriff Scott shared that he has forwarded his budget forward to County Administration and his recommendation was to freeze the 2014 municipality fees to the Communication Center in order to have more time to examine the process and possibly find a new solution that may make everyone a little happier.

Mr. Cvek wanted to clarify by the Sheriff saying he was going to freeze the 2014 fees for the municipalities for 2015, that still had an increase to the amounts as opposed to the long laid out plan that they already were used to and asked if that was correct. Sheriff Scott shared that is correct but those fees would have gone up either way.

Mr. Oncken asked Waterman's Chief Breese if it would be acceptable to him if they were to freeze the fees for next year in order for the Committee and Board to take a closer look at the fee structure. Chief Breese shared that they aren't looking for a bargain, they are just looking to pay their fair share and wanting to look in the future to see how those numbers are going to look. He stated that it was very hard for them to pay their share this year and next year, even with the fee frozen, it will be even more difficult for them to reach their amount to be paid.

Sheriff Scott wanted to clarify that his budget recommendation is to freeze the fees for the municipalities for next year but it does not freeze the expenses in his budget. Mr. Hanson commented that just because Sheriff Scott recommends to freeze the fee schedule for next year, Administratively it may not be recommended to do that sort of thing and there are a lot of costs to the Communication Center that are increasing for the County. Those recommendations will be coming in early September for the Board to review in the FY 2015 Budget.

Mr. Cvek shared one of the biggest points that came out of the last meeting was how everyone even got to this point and he shared his concern and confusion and after identifying that he wanted to see a productive way forward other than the subject just getting lost in the minutia of the overall budget and questioned how this can be broke down where a possible task force of invested parties could be created in order to form a clear solution that may not make everyone happy but make everyone a little less irritated with the process.

Sheriff Scott reiterated how this entire process started with a study that the Cities of Sycamore and Genoa wanted. He also explained the time restrains he was under getting the information out to the municipalities due to their fiscal year starting in July. He made the decision to move forward to meet the municipalities' time table and now the process is coming to the Committee to fit the County's time table. The Sheriff reiterated that he is glad that the Committee is taking a closer look at this process now and it is the appropriate place but he doesn't think that there should be criticism because decisions had to be made and the process had to move forward.

Mr. Cvek again shared how he felt that the process did not go through the proper channels.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the Law and Justice Committee at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

Law and Justice Committee Minutes August 18, 2014 Page 6 of 6

The Committee continued to discuss different ways to move forward with trying to sort out what the best process and policy is to charge for the Communication Center and how to determine what each player's "fair share" is in the Center. Mr. Oncken suggested that now is not the best time while the County is entering their own budget season to try and address this issue. The best time to address this would be after the Board sees what the Administrative Recommendation is and the Committee look at it between after the budget is passed and the next fiscal year. The Committee agreed that a well thought out plan would not be able to come together between now and when the County's budget would need to be passed.

Chairman Metzger agreed that this item will have to be revisited after the County's budget season and the last thing anyone wants it to have the process rushed and thrown together. Mr. Cvek shared that he agreed that this problem will not resolved in this current budget and if everyone is going to acknowledge that this needs to go through a process then there needs to be more of a collaborative effort by all parties involved.

ADJOURNMENT

adjourn the meeting.

J	
Respectfully submitted,	
Chairman Jeff Metzger	Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Oncken, and it was carried unanimously to

TO: LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER MONTH OF JUNE 2014

The Undersigned Public Defender for DeKalb County, Illinois, pursuant to statute in such cases made and provided, hereby files the report of services performed by him and his assistants for the above stated month listing the number of cases at the start of the month as indicated by category listing, and the number of cases closed at the end of the month, which are as follows:

	MCCULLOCH	MCGUIRE	CRISWELL	CARLSON	STAUFFENBERG	OLSON	AL-HENAY	GRADY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL FELONY	36	84	117	75	90	115	0	0	517
CRIMINAL MISDEME	14	31	25	12	9	18	224	211	544
TRAFFIC OFFENSES	1	26	21	23	28	37	207	249	592
JUVENILE				2	91	260			353
OTHER			2	3			2		7
TOTAL OPEN	51	141	165	115	218	430	433	460	2013
Total Open Jun 14	26	. 27	19	26	36	41	138	83	396
Total Close June 14	22	34	28	23	48	30	131	71	387
TTL YTD Opened									2039
TTL YTD Closed							•		2041

TO: LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD
DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER MONTH OF JULY 2014

The Undersigned Public Defender for DeKalb County, Illinois, pursuant to statute in such cases made and provided, hereby files the report of services performed by him and his assistants for the above stated month listing the number of cases at the start of the month as indicated by category listing, and the number of cases closed at the end of the month, which are as follows:

	MCCULLOCH	MCGUIRE	CRISWELL	CARLSON	STAUFFENBERG	OLSON	AL-HENAY	GRADY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL FELONY	35	83	146	76	90	110	0	0	540
CRIMINAL MISDEME	13	18	37	17	14	73	163	205	540
TRAFFIC OFFENSES	4	34	27	17	33	127	108	255	605
JUVENILE				2	93		246		341
OTHER	1		3	3					7
TOTAL OPEN	53	135	213	115	230	310	517	460	2033
Total Open Jul 14	6	29	52	15	30	55	77	99	363
Total Close Jul 14	12	44	17	19	20	65	107	106	390
TTL YTD Opened									2402
TTL YTD Closed									2431

DEKALB COUNTY ADULT COURT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FICSAL YEAR 2014

PROBATION

PROBATION	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Total
PSI's Ordered	2	9	6	6	6	3	6						
PSI's Completed	5	5	7	5	6	4	5						
New Active Cases	17	20	17	9	28	41	36						
Felony	337	327	326	325	323	326	330						
Misdemeanor	138	139	138	134	138	140	145						
DUI	1	1	1	1	1	0	0						
Traffic	2	2	11	1	1	1	1						
Active Caseload	478	469	466	461	462	467	476						
Pending Intakes	171	193	207	234	231	214	193						
Total Active Caseload	649	662	673	695	693	681	669						
Administrative Cases	877	885	891	897	883	878	917						
Transfer In Cases	7	8	13	11	6	15	7						
Transfer Out Cases	8	8	9	7_	14	11_	12						
Tech Viol. Reported	35	23	28	19	23	20	19						
Crim. Viol. Reported	10	21	22	9	17	12	20						
Tech No Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1						
Tech Finding Viol.	1	7	8	3	7	6	3						
Crim No Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	2						
Crim Finding Viol.	1	8	2	1	4	1	5						
Successful Terminations	6	19	23	7	14	11	6						

COMMUNITY RESTITUTION SERVICE

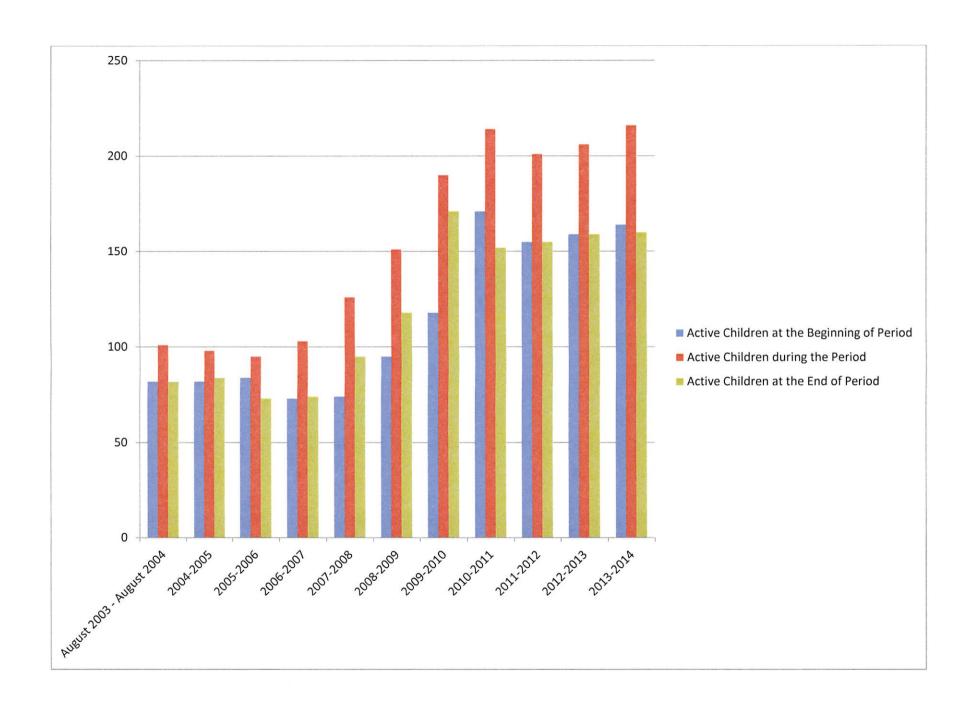
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	ост.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
# Adults Referred	69	81	80	88	79	80	102						
# Hours Ordered	7,160						10,980						
# Hours Completed	5,918	6,000	5,774	6,229	7,165	5,977	6,443						

								 	 		7
# Juveniles Referred	5	12	11	13	14	8	8	<u></u>	 		
# Hours Ordered	255	540	380	460	500	370	490				
# Hours Completed	243	255	253	532	252	371	302		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

JUVENILE PLACEMENT/DETENTION REPORT

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>Jan. 14</u>	Feb. 14	Mar. 14	Apr. 14	<u>May 14</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>July 14</u>	Aug. 14	Sept. 14	Oct. 14	Nov. 14 Dec. 14
Residential placements at beginning of mo.	2	1	1	2	2	2	2				
Minors placed during the month	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				
Minors released during the month	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Minors in residential placement at end of mo.	1	1	2	2	2	2	2				

<u>DETENTION</u>	<u>Jan. 14</u>	Feb.14	<u>Mar. 14</u>	Apr 14	May 14	June14	<u>July 14</u>	<u>Aug. 14</u>	<u>Sept. 14</u>	Oct. 14	Nov.14 Dec. 14
Minors in detention at beginning of month	2	2	2	3	2	5	4				
Minors detained during the month	5	5	7	8	11	8	6				
Minors released during the month	5	5	6	9	8	9	8				
Minors in detention at end of month	2	2	3	2	5	4	2		•		
Average daily population for mo.admissions	1	<1	1	1	3.5	1.5	1				
Average length of stay for mo. admissions	6 days	4 days	4 days	3.5 days	10 days	5 days	6.5 days				



DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL POPULATION REPORT July 2014



AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

148

Average Number Housed Out

50

SEX PERIODIC IMPRISONMENT TYPE OF CRIME **COURT STATUS** Work Release Male Female Felony Misdemeanor Sentenced Pre-Sentenced Week-ends 349 71 218 202 68 352 4

MONTHLY TRANSPORTS

Number of Total **Transports** Man Hours General 99.5 30 27/26 Medical - Mental 17/2 Jail Overcrowding 72 137.5 Juvenile 12 30.5

133

Totals

DOC

	Male	Female
Sentenced	10	1
Parole	3	0
Totals	13	1

MONTHLY INMATE POPULATION STATISTICS

320.5

	NON-SEN	TENCED	REGU SENTE		WEEK-I	ENDERS	WORK R	ELEASE	(ADU	
	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Average For Month	Total Days Held
Male	207	3198	37	689	0	0	0	105	-	-
Female	48	383	13	227	0	0	0	0	-	-
Totals	255	3581	50	916	0	0	0	105	29	903

Average Daily Population: The average number of inmates in the jail for the month. Counts each day a person was in the Jail and includes all people booked into the jail.

Monthly Transports: "Jail Overcrowding" represents transports related to jail overcrowding which would include the transport to and from the other facility, transports for court if they are a pre-sentenced inmate, and any other transport which may be necessary.

DOC: 1) Sentenced: Represents the number of inmates transported to the Department of Corrections because they were sentenced to prison for a period of time.

2) Parole: Represents the number of inmates transported to the Department of Corrections because they were arrested on a new charge, on parole and returned to DOC to face their parole violation.

EHM: The numbers reflect only adults on Electronic Home Monitoring for the month. Juveniles would not be housed in the County Jail.

	12 Months FY2013 Number of Inmates	12 Months FY2013 Inmate Days	12 Months FY2013 Rental Cost	12 Months FY2013 Transport Trips	1	12 Months FY 2013 Number of Inmates	12 Months FY2013 Inmate Days	12 Months FY2013 Rental Cost	12 Months FY2013 Transport Trips
January	74	1,712	102,720	57	i	59	1,315	78,900	53
February	89	1,631	97,860	63	- 1	66	1,204	72,240	59
March	77	6,308	96,480	70	ı	60	1,188	71,280	65
April	55	1,013	60,780	54	- 1	76	1,214	72,840	51
May	66	1,350	81,000	62	1	74	1,232	73,920	71
June	81	1,544	92,640	71	- 1	49	1,079	64,740	52
July	84	1,564	93,840	72	1	63	1,339	80,340	60
August					- 1	74	1,468	88,080	60
September					- 1	92	1,556	93,360	66
October					ı	82	1,761	105,660	66
November					1	90	1,872	112,320	69
December					1	87	1,667	100,020	65
			***********		i			***************************************	*******
Totals	526	15,122	625,320	449	- 1	872	16,895	1,013,700	737
	88888	=====	======	22622	İ	20000		======	88888
Original Budget			780,000		i			1,000,000	
			222222		- 1			222222	

^{*} Rental costs are sometimes estimated - billing not received at the time of this report.

Recap	Number of Inmates	Inmate Days	Rental Cost	Transport Trips	1	Original Budget	Average Inmates Per Day
FY 2004	41	736	37,227	n/a	i	22,000	2.0
FY 2005	149	2,243	114,210	91	i	22,000	6.1
FY 2006	288	5,536	277,930	203	i	100,000	15.2
FY 2007 (13 Months)	323	5,827	292,496	214	i	200,000	16.0
FY 2008	635	11,812	629,628	447	Ì	300,000	32.4
FY 2009	576	10,203	612,094	410	i	450,000	28.0
FY 2010	726	15,061	903,785	598	ı	600,000	41.3
FY 2011	794	16,868	1,032,260	585	1	850,000	46.2
FY 2012	789	16,935	1,010,100	618	1	1,000,000	46.4
FY 2013	872	16,895	1,013,700	737		1,000,000	46.3