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Responses to the Follow-up Questions from the March 19, 2019
Appropriations Health Subcommittee Workgroup

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1) Please provide a breakout by type of the department’s overtime expenditures.

Year	Overtime Type				Total
	Straight Time	Time and a Half	Double Time	Holiday	
2015	\$16,498,751	\$27,661,131	\$4,170,719	\$1,997,218	\$50,327,819
2016	\$15,921,382	\$25,619,923	\$1,551,855	\$2,035,809	\$45,128,969
2017	\$15,117,477	\$24,585,842	\$2,202,508	\$1,752,803	\$43,658,630
2018	\$15,028,915	\$24,863,037	\$2,817,075	\$1,524,668	\$44,233,695
2019 (Projected)	\$14,229,408	\$21,939,424	\$1,988,529	\$1,518,647	\$39,676,008

Please note that this information was pulled from CORE CT as of March 21, 2019.

2) How much do public group homes cost to operate? Please show the estimated FY19 cost for the remaining 32 public group homes, including PS, OE, CS and number of FT and PT positions associated?

Please see **Attachment A [Projected Public Community Living Arrangement Expenses for Fiscal Year 2019](#)**, which is the Excel spreadsheet titled “Group Home Expenses Summary FY 2019” for a breakout of the fiscal year’s projected costs for each public group home.

3) Provide a breakout by incident of DDS Workers’ Compensation claims for FY19, including which claims are new versus old.

Please see **Attachment B [Quarterly Report on Workers’ Compensation for DDS as of December 31, 2018](#)**, which is the Department of Administrative Services’ quarterly report for the second quarter ending December 31, 2018 for DDS Workers’ Compensation.

4) What are the power plant operation and remediation costs associated Southbury Training School (STS)?

Year	STS Expense Type						Total
	Electricity (1)	Oil/Propane/ Natural Gas (2)	Premises costs (3)	Salaries (Supervising Stationary Engineer & Stationary Engineers) (4)	Power Plant (OE costs) (5)	Power Plant Capital Costs (Bond Funds & CEPF) (6)	
2015	\$1,035,206	\$128,536	\$532,218	\$399,520	\$865,152	\$62,554	\$3,023,187
2016	\$764,140	\$60,862	\$512,634	\$369,681	\$691,091	\$10,364	\$2,408,772
2017	\$674,170	\$130,492	\$427,037	\$453,616	\$715,605	\$210,139	\$2,611,057
2018	\$663,100	\$97,330	\$411,592	\$411,257	\$665,600	\$7,670	\$2,256,550
2019 (Proj.)	\$649,771	\$108,099	\$344,084	\$430,737	\$610,472	\$13,940	\$2,157,103

Note: The STS Power Plant produces steam and hot water for the campus. It does not generate electricity.

- (1) **Electricity:** The column shows the total annual electricity costs for the entire campus. Electricity service is provided by Eversource and the service enters the campus through the STS Power Plant.
 - (2) **Oil/Propane/Natural Gas:** The column shows the annual costs of these fuels charged to buildings other than the Power Plant.
 - (3) **Premises Costs:** The column shows the annual premises-related costs charged to buildings other than the Power Plant. This category includes expenses such as repair and maintenance supplies and services, pest control, fire protection, trash services, cleaning services, roadway supplies, and snow and ice removal supplies.
 - (4) **Salaries:** The column shows the annual salary costs of the Supervising Stationary Engineer and the Stationary Engineers (Regular Pay, Shift Differential, Overtime, and Employee Allowances).
 - (5) **Power Plant OE Costs:** The column shows the annual cost Oil/Propane/Natural Gas, material testing, maintenance service for Power Plant, maintenance supplies for Power Plant, Fire Protection at Power Plant.
 - (6) **Power Plant Capital Costs:** The column shows the costs of major capital repairs and equipment purchases pertaining to the STS Power Plant.
- For additional information regarding the Southbury Training School power plant and alternate heating systems, please see **Attachment C [Southbury Training School Power Plant and Alternate Heating System Study](#)**, which is a study published December 7, 2018.
 - For Southbury Training School remediation costs please see **Attachment D [Estimated Remediation Costs for Southbury Training School as of March 1, 2019](#)**

5) What are some other DDS initiatives and pilot programs?

- ***Housing Innovation Pilot Project*** Pursuant to section 2 of [Special Act No. 18-2](#), DDS launched a Housing Innovation Pilot project at the beginning of fiscal year 2019. The purpose of this pilot project is to establish and evaluate alternative service models in which individuals who are currently receiving residential services may move from their existing residential settings, with the consent of the individual or such individual's legal representative, to a more independent, less restrictive residential setting.

In total, the housing pilot is projected to provide supports to approximately 37 individuals with intellectual disability. The department strongly believes that independent, integrated housing is an important piece in the continuum of residential services to ensure individuals with intellectual disability are able to thrive in their communities. To this end, [Special Act No. 18-2](#) also allows DDS qualified providers to retain any cost savings associated with the pilot and use such savings either to meet the needs of other individuals eligible and waiting for residential services from the department or to improve or enhance the services that the qualified provider provides to individuals with intellectual disability.

For additional information, please see **Attachment E [DDS Housing Innovation Pilot Project Report 2019](#)**, the legislative report on the Housing Innovation Pilot project.

- ***Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder Housing (IDASH) Program*** Through an interagency collaboration, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Housing (DOH), and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), created the Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder Housing (IDASH) Program. During the last year, IDASH has worked to develop supportive and affordable housing units within integrated housing developments by incentivizing interested developers to partner with DDS qualified providers to develop innovative housing models in fully integrated community settings. This housing model supports the best outcomes for individuals in a cost efficient way that reflects the national trend of moving away from congregate care models towards integrated community settings.

Along with housing supports, IDASH focuses on the use of SMART/assistive technology, like video face-to-face, remote monitoring with choice, and automated medication administration, to ensure that individuals are able to live as independently as possible while maintaining the appropriate level of direct care staffing supports. Ensuring that individuals have access to employment opportunities, transportation, natural supports, and community resources means that individuals can live lives of their choosing with less reliance on traditional location-based supports.

Thus far, DDS and DOH have approved two developments with 19 combined units, which will be able to serve 39 individuals beginning in early 2020. Additional applications for these types of developments are under review.

For more information on the IDASH program please visit the [IDASH webpage](#).

- ***Intellectual Disability (ID) Partnership Initiatives*** In collaboration with the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and community partners participating in the ID Partnership Advisory Council, ID Partnership funding is being utilized to support the ID Partnership's four priorities: (1) support the employment of individuals with intellectual disability by providing funding for alternative business models (2) pilot an initiative that establishes a

combination residential and day service account (3) fund provider trainings on promotion and implementation of the use of assistive technology; and (4) provide education to DDS qualified providers on direct Medicaid billing.

- ***Community Companion Homes Initiative*** In 2018, the department solicited proposals from qualified providers to expand the DDS Community Companion Home (CCH) program. The intent of this initiative was to develop six new CCH qualified provider agencies throughout the state to advertise, recruit, develop and maintain the licenses of multiple CCHs, while also providing supervision and administrative duties associated with the oversight of a CCH program.

The selected qualified providers support and provide guidance to the CCH licensees, help to maintain the health and safety of the individuals living in the CCH, acquire and maintain CCH licensure, safeguard the individual's funds, and making sure that DDS policies and procedures are followed.

For additional information about CCHs, please visit the [DDS CCH webpage](#).

- ***Project SEARCH*** Project SEARCH is an internship program that partners qualified providers with a host business to assist individuals with intellectual disability to learn employment skills. From 2015 through 2018, one Project SEARCH program was in place between FAVARH and UCONN Health in Farmington. In an effort to expand the program, in May 2018, DDS offered a Notice of Opportunity for providers that would allow Project SEARCH licensing fees to be paid by the department. With this additional financial assistance, five additional provider/business partnerships have been initiated.

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