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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Corrections
DOJ File No. 291011-GA0094-17

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is the Attorney General's order responding to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on May 20, 2017, asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) to produce its "budget to provide legal services to all inmates at [Oregon State Penitentiary] for years 2015, 2016, 2017, broken down into individual costs for each year."

Your petition shows that Marica Ventura, legal coordinator at ODOC's Office of the Inspector General, denied your records request because ODOC does not possess and is not the custodian of these records. We spoke with Ms. Ventura, who explained that ODOC does not provide legal services to inmates—for example, ODOC does not pay for inmates to receive legal advice from their attorneys—and therefore does not have any budget for these services. Therefore, we respectfully deny your petition. If you think ODOC has misunderstood your request, you are of course free to submit a new request specifying which ODOC services you intended to ask about.

Sincerely,

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