

# Oregon State Police Ways & Means Presentation Question Responses

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There was one last outstanding issue from our Phase 1 Ways & Means presentation. The Committee asked that LFO work with the Department to answer the following questions. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me directly.

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## **Question:**

Do a cost/benefit analysis of furloughs vs. overtime

#### Answer:

As we have discussed, there are many variables related to OT vs. furloughs so this part is a challenge.

We have OT costs for the 2007-09 biennium (before furloughs were in place) and OT costs in 2009-11 (after furloughs were implemented). This information was already done previously so we do not have 2011-13 information readily available. However, the comparison of 2007-09 to 2009-11 is better anyway since it compares a complete biennium without furloughs (2007-09) to a complete biennium with furloughs (2009-11). Here is what it shows:

I. GF Overtime costs in 2009-11 vs. GF OT costs in 2007-09 were about \$200,000 higher. This information is focused mostly on General Fund sworn.

II. GF furlough savings in 2009-11 for this same group was about \$1.7 million.

## **Question:**

Look at the cost of the lag time between hiring a trooper and the availability of DPSST training space.

### Answer:

As to DPSST training space, in the current biennium we have not had any issues with getting our two recruit schools into DPSST basic police classes. We do not anticipate any major problems for 2013/15 but we have work-around procedures should availability problems crop up.