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TO: The Honorable Elissa Silverman

Chair, Committee on Labor and Workforce

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SUBJECT: Follow-up to Performance Hearing

DATE: February 14, 2018

As follow-up to the questions asked during PERB's performance hearing this week, the responses are as follows:

Question: The average time to issue an initial decision went up from 160 days in FY16 to

260 days in FY17 (an increase of 100 days). What are the factors that led to this

increase?

Answer: The increase in days can be attributed to several factors.

• Requests for extensions of time by the parties contributed to the increase in time to issue initial decisions. These requests came in various stages of the case handling process (mediation, hearing and brief writing).

• For lack of a quorum, PERB only had ten (10) Board meetings in FY17. With fewer Board meetings, there were fewer opportunities to get the Board to vote on decisions; thus delaying the process.

• During FY17 PERB had a vacancy at the staff attorney position.

Question: Name of agency PERB has asked for assistance with archiving cases.

Answer: D.C. Office of Public Records, 1300 Naylor Court, NW

Contact: William Walker, Chief Archivist and Records Manager

Question: Name of OCTO contact for customization and integration of IT system?

Answer: Stephen Miller, Applications Development & Operations Program Manager

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.