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Representative Waymaster:

After I presented an informational briefing regarding the issue of unsubmitted sexual assault kits to the House Appropriations Committee on March 16th, 2017, Representative Alcalá asked a question regarding laboratory efficiency recognized as a result of the new forensic laboratory. Specifically, he asked for the increased productivity to be provided in percentage format.

There are many factors we consider in evaluating laboratory efficiency and productivity. These include the number of new laboratory submissions, items of evidence received, number of subpoenas received, how many cases are in backlog status, and the average turn-around time.

Cases in backlog status are those that have been pending examination for more than 30 days. Turn-around time is the amount of time, measured in days, between when a case is submitted to the laboratory and when the laboratory report of examination is issued.

The following percentages are reflective of the percent change between calendar year 2014 and calendar year 2016 in each of the categories. Please note, this data is reflective of all laboratory services, not any one discipline in particular.

- New laboratory submissions increased by 3.7%
- The number of items of evidence received increased by 9.8%
- The number of laboratory reports issued increased by 3.6%
- The number of subpoenas received increased by 20.1%
- The number of cases in backlog status decreased by 10.7%
- The average turn-around time decreased by 7.6%

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Overall, our backlogs and turn-around times have decreased while our service levels and outputs have increased. I have attached a chart with the raw data.

I hope you find this additional information to be helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Katie Whisman
Executive Officer

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Attachment

	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016
New Laboratory Submissions	13,980	13,724	14,497
Items of Evidence Received	28,894	29,013	31,740
Lab Reports Issued	15,284	14,781	15,840
Subpoenas Received	3,503	3,805	4,208
Backlog Cases	4,794	4,521	4,283
Turn-Around Time	118	139	109

CY: Calendar Year

Backlog: Cases pending examination for more than 30 days

Turn Around Time: The time between when a case is submitted to the lab, evidence is examined, and the laboratory report is released.