

From the Desk of Hon. Maurice McTigue



## **Louisiana Streamlining Commission**

### **Suggested Recommendations to Advisory Committee Chairmen**

Preamble:

The following comments on this cover sheet have been prepared at the Mercatus Center by Hon. Maurice McTigue. The purpose of the analysis was to identify issues that the committee might pursue and finally develop into recommendations to the full commission.

- The suggested recommendations are based on very limited information and the committee's local knowledge may determine that the suggestions are not viable. In that case the Committee should discard the suggested recommendation.
- If the Committee thinks the suggestion has merit then they should refer it to officials for their analysis.
- Some of our suggestions may be recommending a practice that is already in place, in which case the recommendation may be put aside or may be worded to endorse that practice or to extend it further than is the current practice.

#### **Division of Administrative Law**

- The outcomes and measures of success for this program are well addressed. No substantive changes are being recommended.



The Streamlining Government Commission would appreciate your assistance by having you complete the following worksheet. We understand that some of this information is available online and possibly in other documents, but we believe that it is important that you provide this data to ensure that you know what the Commission is reviewing regarding your Department, Agency, or Office. In order to review and compile the data before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, please complete and return these worksheets to [prathert@legis.state.la.us](mailto:prathert@legis.state.la.us) by September 8, 2009. Thank you for your cooperation.

Department name: n/a
Agency name: <a href="#">Division of Administrative Law</a>
State in one sentence the core business of your department: <a href="#">The DAL provides impartial administrative hearings services to state agencies with professionally trained administrative law judges.</a>

For each program managed by your agency, provide the following information. Please limit your answers for each program to ***no more than half a page*** and simply write ***“unknown”*** next to each program question you are unable to answer.

- Program name: [DAL is one agency, one program and one activity. In the budget docs, our program is termed “Administration”.](#)
- Outcome addressed by this program: [Providing impartial, efficient, professionally performed, administrative hearings services.](#)
- How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: [The entire population of the State. We do not have statistics on the number of Respondents, their attorneys, witnesses, law enforcement personnel, agency attorneys and personnel, who have been involved in a DAL hearing, but the proper delivery of DAL’s services impacts all citizens.](#)
- How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): [\\$3,362,745](#)
- Measure used to determine success: [See attached Performance Indicators.](#)

- Level of success during each of the last three years: [See attached Performance Indicators.](#)
- The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*: [getting better](#)

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2006-07	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2007-08	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2008-09
Number of cases docketed	7,099	13,311 <sup>1</sup>	9,820
Number of hearings conducted	5,900	12,697 <sup>1</sup>	8,548
Percentage of cases docketed that are properly filed and received	100%	100%	100%
Number of prehearing conferences conducted	820	684	789
Number of settlements	546	998 <sup>1</sup>	642
Number of decisions and orders issued	8,236	15,620 <sup>1</sup>	12,226
Average length of administrative hearings in hours	0.42	0.3 <sup>1</sup>	0.4
Hearings held less than 30 minutes	58.5%	77% <sup>1</sup>	56.8
Average number of days from date docketed to case closed	62	50.8 <sup>1</sup>	76
Average number of days from record closed to decision signed	5.3	8.25	5.5

<sup>1</sup> Stats increased from prior years due to hearings services provided under contract to the La. Workforce Commission related to unemployment insurance hurricane recovery cases.