



January 12, 2010

Glen Dickinson, Director
Legislative Services Agency
State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Dickinson:

I am writing to update you on the centralized debt collection program for the quarter ending December 31, 2009. This report is required by Chapter 421.17(27) h, Code of Iowa.

This legislation authorizes the Department of Revenue to establish a centralized debt collection program for state agencies and requires quarterly reports concerning implementation of the program, the number of departmental collection programs initiated, the amount of debts collected and an estimate of future costs and benefits. The following pages provide information in these four areas.

Central Collections Program Implementation

The Centralized Collection Unit (CCU) continues to provide services to the Judicial Branch, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Human Services Child Support Recovery Unit and the Department of Natural Resources. 2008 Iowa Acts ch.1172 §31 directed the Unit to upgrade the collection software. We are about half way through the 18 month project.

Collections by Quarter

The attached tables show quarterly revenues that were generated by the CCU. Collections for this quarter totaled \$14.7 million, a slight decrease compared to the same quarter last year. Court collections increased \$1 million over the same quarter last year and tax collections decreased \$.5 million. Child Support and DNR recoveries were essentially unchanged in this quarter.

Our decreased tax collections are a direct result of changes that are bringing in more voluntary collections prior to placement with CCU. Our collection upgrade should provide even greater benefits from collections earlier in the process. The decrease also reflects the last quarter where college aid was still being collected in the prior year.

The attached tables reflect only the efforts of the Central Collection Unit.

Cost/Benefit

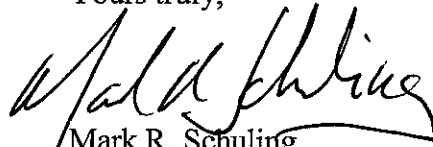
The Central Collection Unit is self-supporting and charges for all direct and indirect costs that are properly allocable to CCU activities. Staff's goal is to keep costs at ten percent or less of the amount collected.

Fiscal Year Cost vs Amount Collected

FYE 06	8.64%
FYE 07	9.93%
FYE 08	8.26%
FYE 09	8.28%

If you or your staff has any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,



Mark R. Schuling
Director

Iowa Department of Revenue

Central Collection Unit Report to the Legislative Services Agency

Collections for Quarter Ending December 2009

<u>Program</u>	
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$9,132,803
CCU - Judicial	\$5,395,109
CCU - College Aid	
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$133,677
CCU - DNR	\$3,396
Total	\$14,664,985

Collections for Quarter Ending September 2009

<u>Program</u>	
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$4,954,352
CCU - Judicial	\$5,682,662
CCU - College Aid	
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$110,295
CCU - DNR	\$1,000
Total	\$10,748,309

Collections for Quarter Ending June 2009

<u>Program</u>	<u>Dollars Collected</u>
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$6,802,324
CCU - Judicial	\$4,542,026
CCU - College Aid	
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$129,621
CCU - DNR	\$200
Total	\$11,474,171

Collections for Quarter Ending March 2009

<u>Program</u>	<u>Dollars Collected</u>
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$7,915,622
CCU - Judicial	\$6,118,535
CCU - College Aid	
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$105,929
CCU - DNR	\$2,775
Total	\$14,142,862

Collections for Quarter Ending December 2008

<u>Program</u>	<u>Dollars Collected</u>
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$9,657,080
CCU - Judicial	\$4,404,809
CCU - College Aid	\$513,340
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$125,104
CCU - DNR	\$4,897
Total	\$14,705,230

Collections for Quarter Ending September 2008

<u>Program</u>	<u>Dollars Collected</u>
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$5,198,093
CCU - Judicial	\$4,975,279
CCU - College Aid	\$893,224
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$133,605
CCU - DNR	\$2,607
Total	\$11,202,808

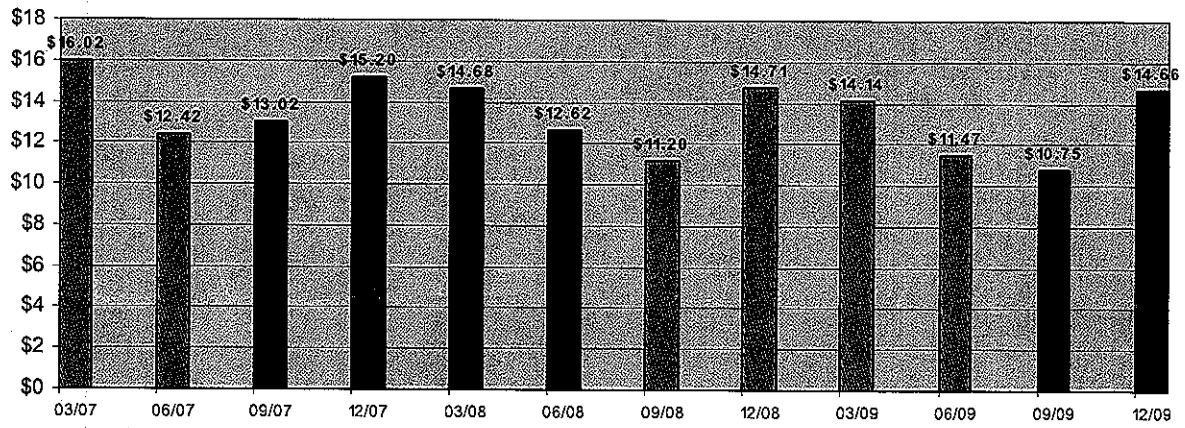
Collections for Quarter Ending June 2008

<u>Program</u>	<u>Dollars Collected</u>
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$5,841,538
CCU - Judicial	\$5,201,734
CCU - College Aid	\$1,394,639
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$179,262
CCU - DNR	\$3,261
Total	\$12,620,434

Collections for Quarter Ending March 2008

<u>Program</u>	<u>Dollars Collected</u>
CCU - IDR Tax Receivables	\$6,357,683
CCU - Judicial	\$6,620,725
CCU - College Aid	\$1,550,039
CCU - DHS Child Support	\$151,444
CCU - DNR	\$3,672
Total	\$14,683,562

Quarter Ending Collections \$ in Millions



Fiscal Year Collections \$ in Millions

