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At the June 21, 2005, Government Oversight Committee meeting, a discussion arose regarding the abuse incident at the Woodward Resource Center. Before deciding whether to include this incident as an agenda item for one of the upcoming meetings, the Committee requested that the Departments respond to a few questions.

- How long had inmates been working at Woodward prior to the incident?
- What screening process is used to determine which prisoners were assigned to the work detail at Woodward?
- Why was the decision made to allow prisoners to work in a situation where extremely vulnerable lowans were living?
- Why can State agencies decide to supervise prisoners on work details when those prisoners are the responsibility of the Department of Corrections?
- Are prisoners working at Glenwood Resource Center? If so, how are they supervised?
- How did the prisoner gain access to a patient at Woodward? What was the level of supervision that was taking place?
- What jobs were the prisoners doing for Woodward?

Please provide a written response by July 10 to Douglas Wulf, Legislative Services Agency, who will forward it to all Committee Members.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sen. Tom Courtney, Co-Chair, Sen. Ron Wieck, Co-Chair, and Rep. Dwayne Alons, Co-Chair.

cc: Kate Walton, DHS  
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