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Meeting Summary

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DLLR Stat, held on November 22, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

General Observations

- Follow Up Items
- Financial Regulation
- Unemployment Insurance
- Unemployment Insurance Appeals
- Labor and Industry

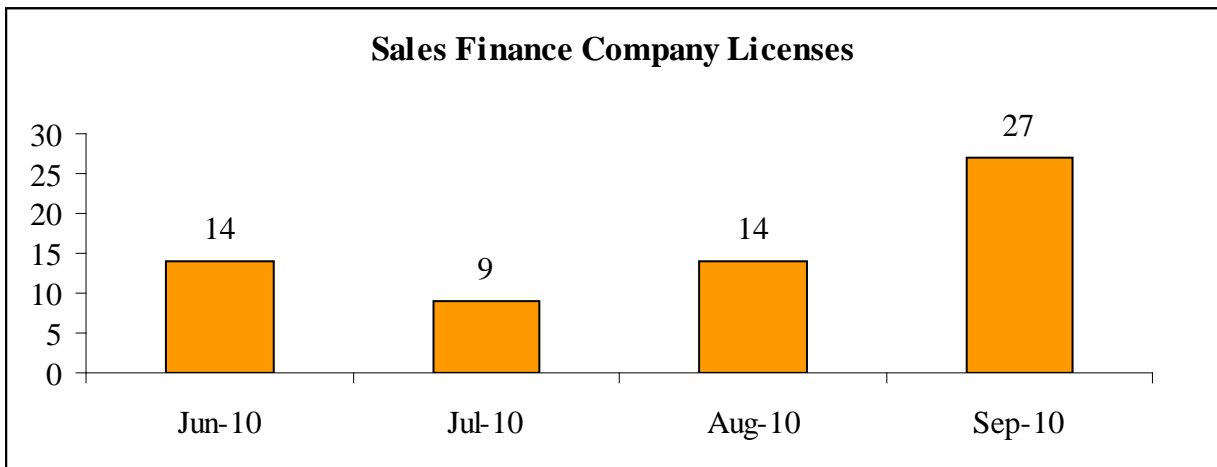
Follow Up Items

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).** According to DLLR, all LWIBs have now obligated at least 80% of their ARRA funds.
- **Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN).** In response to inquiries at the previous StateStat meeting about how the Rapid Response team can get more information on employees, DLLR reports that the Rapid Response teams are generally onsite as soon as the company notifies them. Additionally, the teams distribute and collect pre application forms, either through the HR systems within the companies or directly at the orientation meeting. The pre applications typically capture information about the employees that can be matched to the potential jobs within the one stop system.
- **Apprenticeship Programs.** To date for the year 2010, 21 apprenticeship programs have been canceled. Seven cancellations were funeral home programs that had been awaiting paperwork to official cancel. 14 of the cancellations were a result of compliance reviews conducted in April (13) and August (1). The cancelled programs are as follows:
 - 3 Electricians
 - 3 Child Care Development Specialist
 - 1 Horse Trainer
 - 1 Automotive Technician
 - 1 Electrical Instrument Repairer
 - 1 Chemical Operator & Millwright (1 program, 2 occupations)
 - 1 Maintenance Repairer
 - 1 Tool & Die Maker
 - 1 HVAC/R Technician
 - 1 Sprinkler Fitter

- The HIRE Maryland tax credit program has reached 1,032 people hired at 562 employers. The planned press release with DBED is nearly complete; once the 1,000th hire and employer are interviewed to establish their interest in providing a quote for the press release, it will be sent out and media outlets alerted. Statewide, more than 33 employers and 534 job seekers received HIRE promotional materials this week.

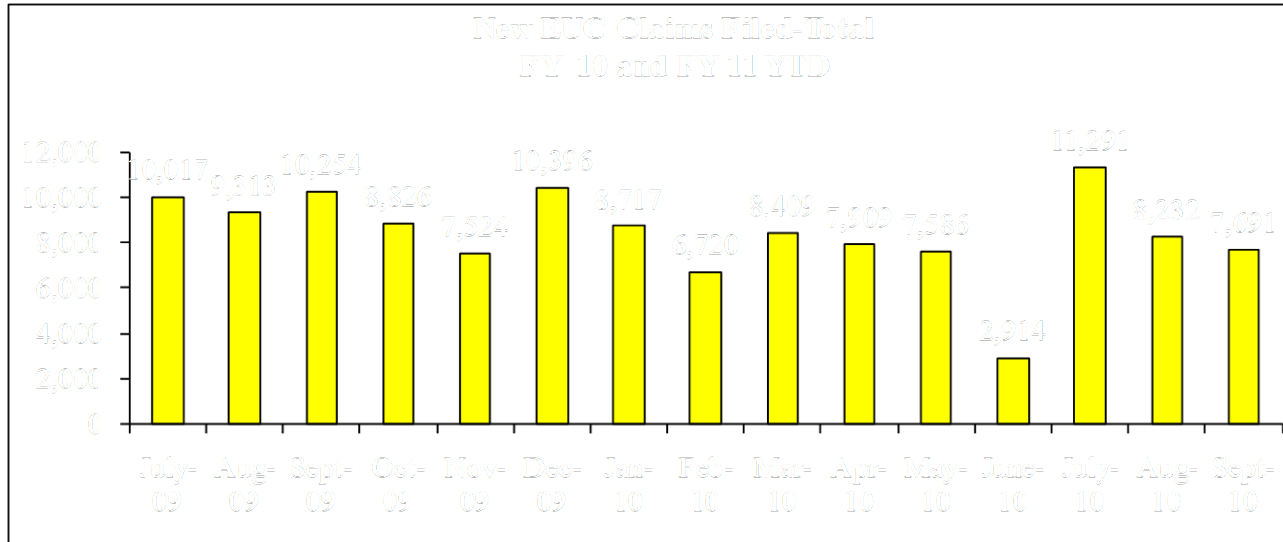
Financial Regulation

- **Licensing.** Sale Finance Company licenses increase in September due to 21 new branch licensees, 12 of which were Ally Bank.
 - These licenses were mostly out of state.

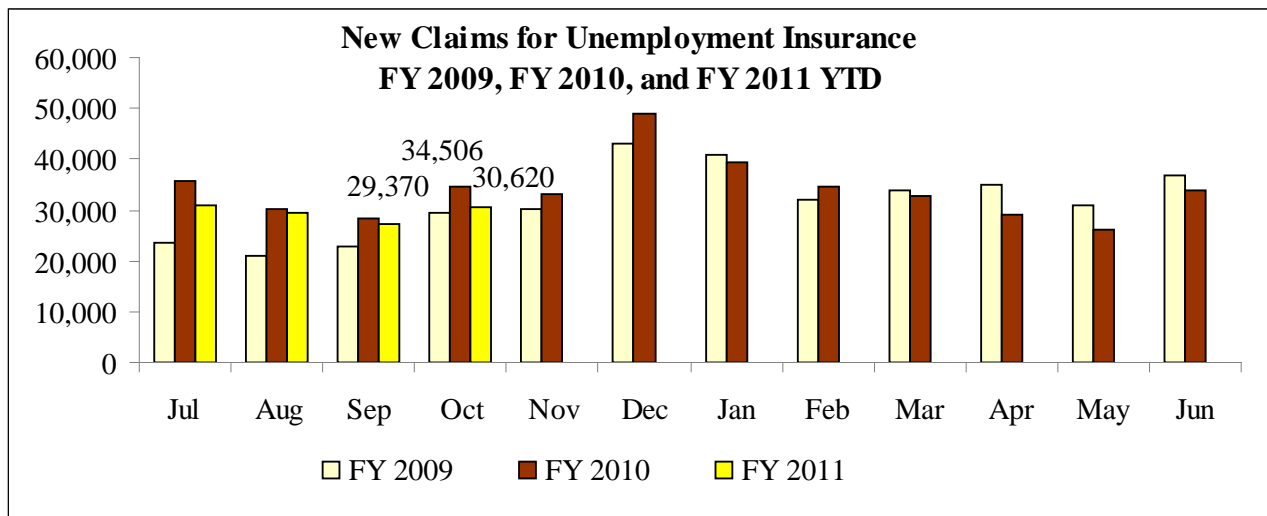


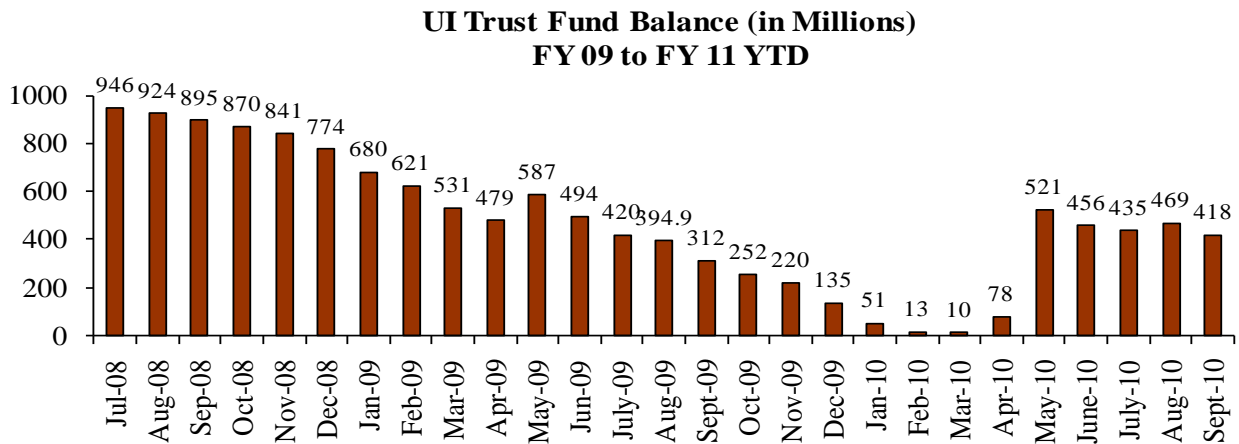
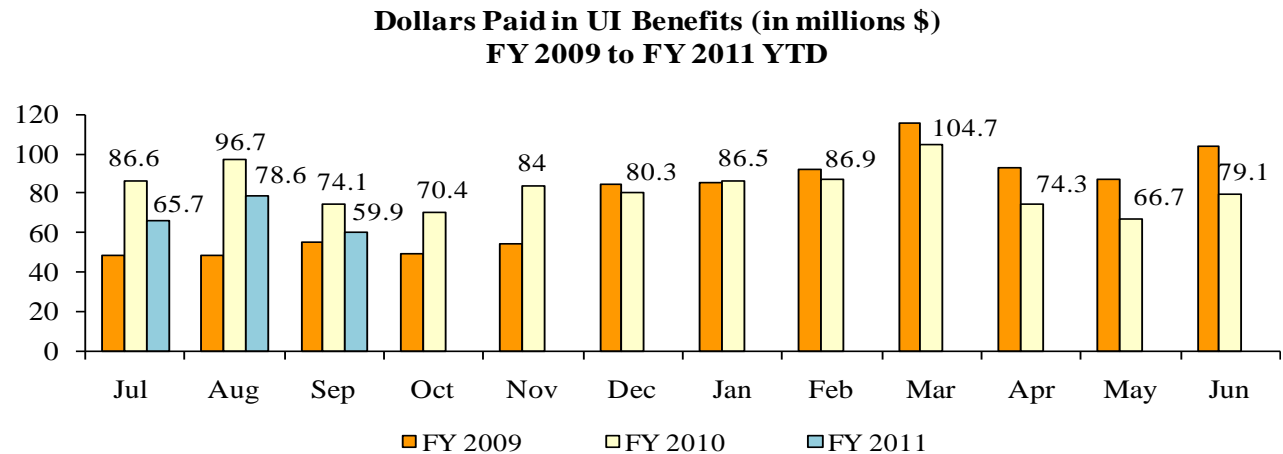
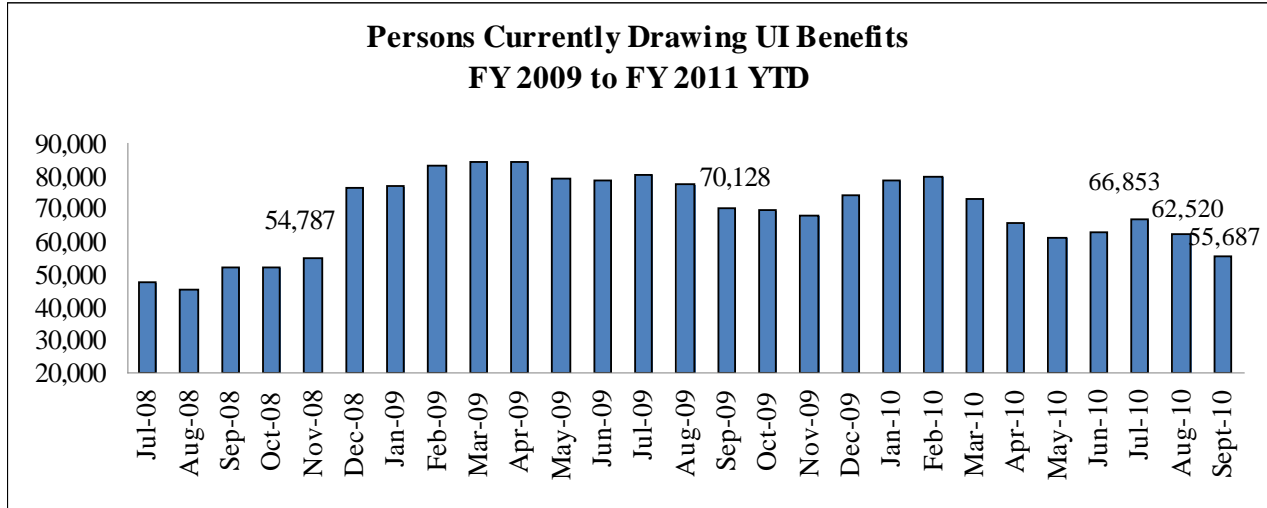
Unemployment Insurance

- **Emergency Benefit Extension.** The Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program is scheduled to expire on November 30th absent Congressional action. Benefits paid to eligible claimants in Maryland under EUC – \$967,375,836 for FY 2010 – are paid with federal dollars, do not come out of the Maryland UI Trust Fund, and are not charged to employer accounts. Approximately 50,000 Marylanders currently receive EUC each month. New EUC claims decreased in August and September after a sharp jump in July as shown in the chart below. In September 2010, the Division of Unemployment Insurance paid \$56 million in EUC benefits. On November 18, 2010, the House failed to pass an extension of EUC for another three months. Majority Leader Hoyer said House Democrats will continue to push for the extension when lawmakers return from recess on November 29. It is unknown whether the extension will be passed.
 - The agency plans to contact those individuals who will be affected if the extension is not passed.



- Key Metrics.** In October, new claims for Unemployment Insurance increased to 30,620 following a dip in September. Despite the increase, new claims in October 2010 are 11 percent lower than in October 2009. The number of persons currently drawing unemployment benefits continued to decrease in September for the second consecutive month to 55,687, which is 20 percent below the number of persons drawing benefits in September 2009 and the lowest number since November 2008. Dollars paid in UI benefits decreased from August to September 2010 to 59.9 million, 19 percent lower than September 2009. The UI trust fund balance decreased in September after a slight increase in August.

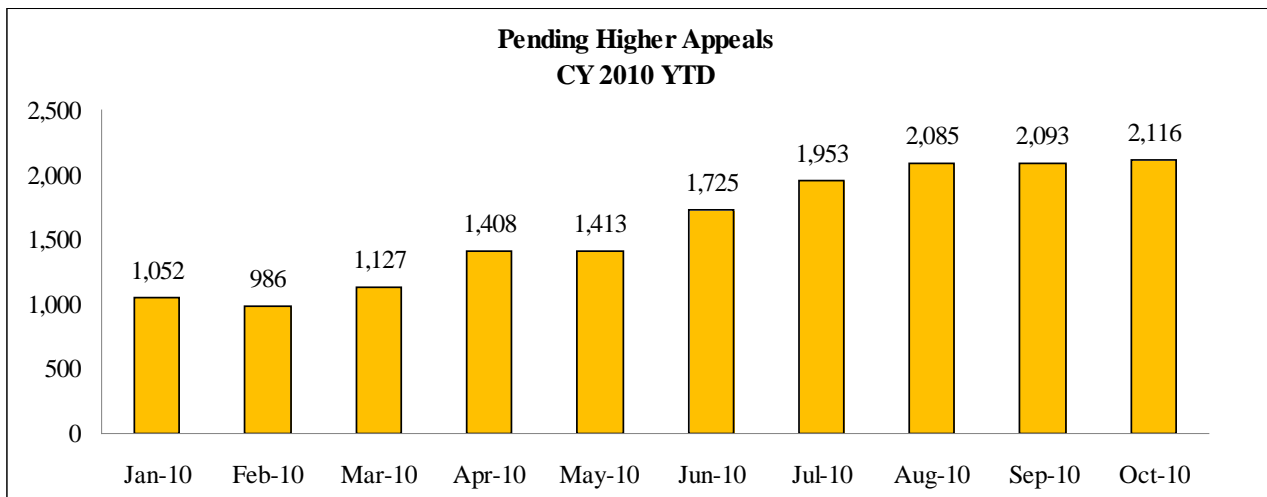
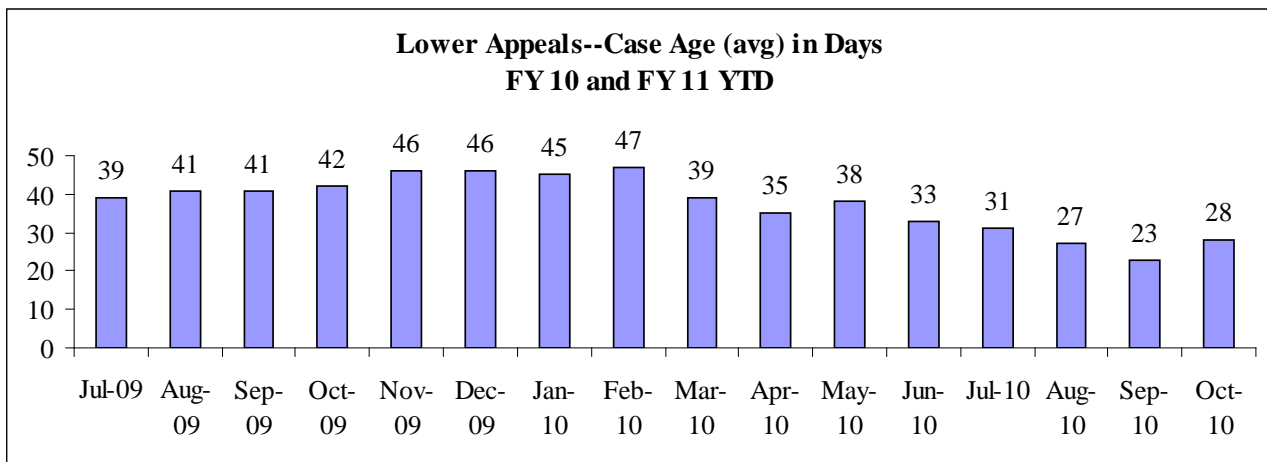
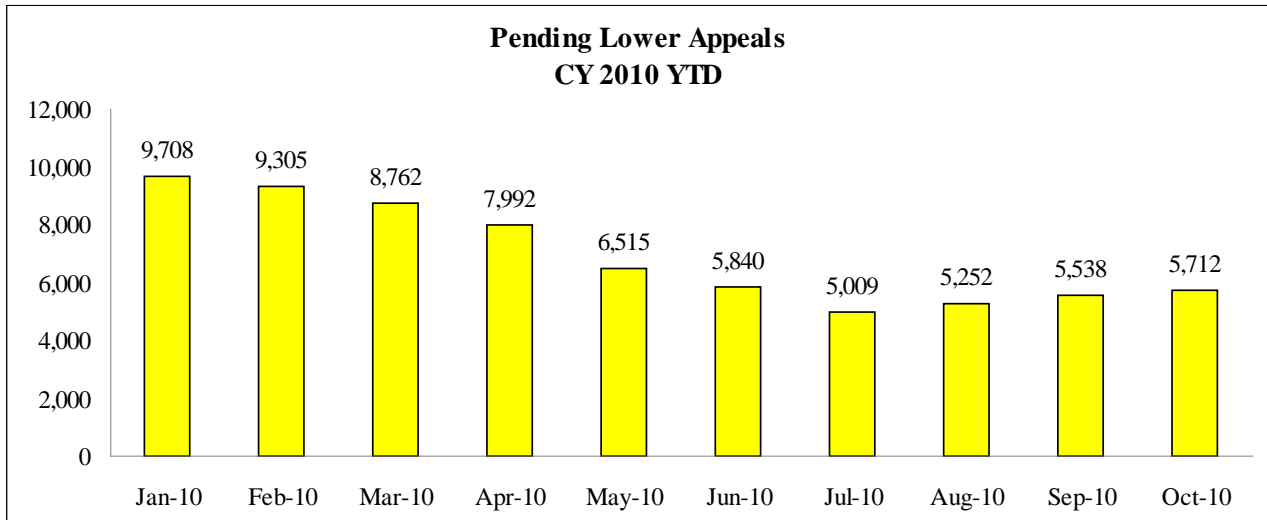


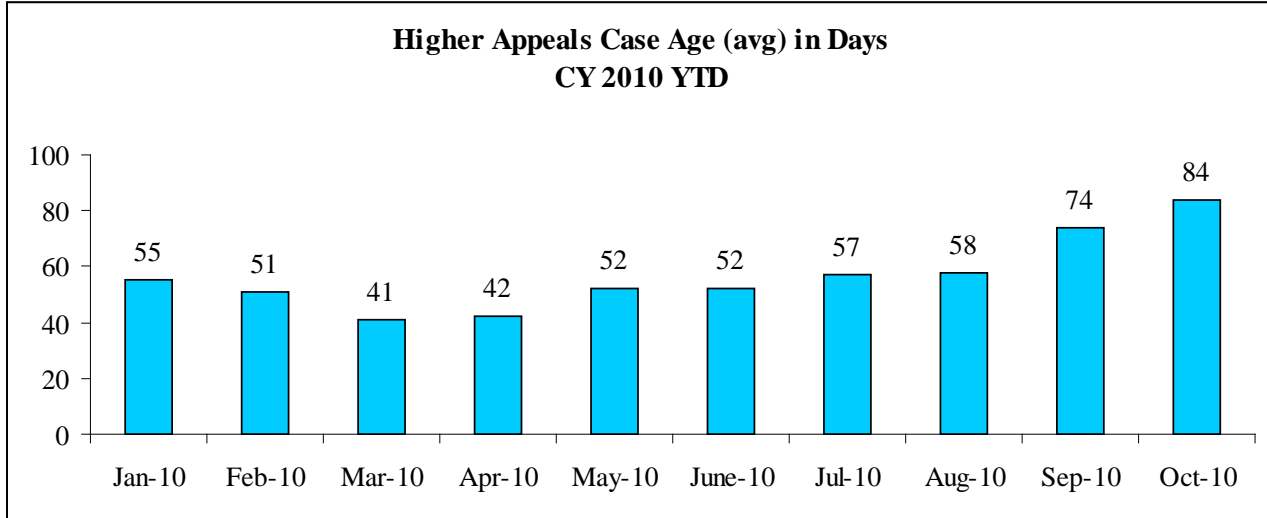


Unemployment Insurance Appeals

- The number of pending lower appeals increased in October for the third consecutive month. Meanwhile, the average case age began to increase again in October after decreasing in the previous four months, indicating that the appeals process may be slowing down. The number of lower appeals hearing officers has remained the same. The number of pending higher appeals

has been increasing, while the numbers of appeals received and decisions mailed fluctuate. The average case age of higher appeals has been increasing since July 2010.





Labor and Industry

- Apprenticeship and Training.** During the last Stat, DLLR reported that their measure of Registered Apprentices would decline as they conducted more program audits and determined how many registered apprentices were no longer active. In the last three months, the total for registered apprentices has leveled off, after 7 months of decrease.

