

## **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

## Department of Taxation

October 1, 2012

TO: The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell Governor of Virginia

THROUGH: The Honorable Richard D. Brown Secretary of Finance

Craig M. Burns FROM: Tax Commissioner

SUBJECT: Setoff Debt Collection Program Costs

Pursuant to §58.1-531 of the *Code of Virginia*, I am reporting the administrative cost of the Setoff Debt Collection Program for fiscal year 2012. The Setoff Debt Collection Program allows state and local government agencies to offset certain debts against individual tax refunds and lottery prize winnings.

During fiscal year 2012, 293,985 individual claims totaling \$53,707,799 were paid at an estimated cost of \$267,130. A detailed report of costs incurred to support the Program is attached. The average cost per claim was \$0.90. The average claim was \$182.68.

The Setoff Debt Collection program continues to be a cost effective and efficient means of collecting delinquent state and local revenues. Please contact me if additional information is required or desired.

## Attachment

c: The Honorable Harry R. Purkey Chairman, House Finance Committee

> The Honorable Lacey E. Putney Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

## FY12 Debt Setoff - Administrative Costs Detail

Individual I. Labor Costs Salaries & Wages - Setoff \$ 59,800 **Computer Operations** \$ 698 \$ Systems Administration - Labor 10,666 \$ **IT Security-Labor** 45,833 \$ Accounting 27,476 \$ **FICA** 2,102 \$ **Benefits** 8,792 \$ Subtotal - Labor 155,367 II Telephone Costs Telephone \$ 100 Subtotal-Telephone \$ 100 III. Equipment Costs Maintenance \$ 111,663 Subtotal - Equipment Costs \$ 111,663 **Total All Costs** \$ 267,130 IV. Program Results **Total Individual Funds Finalized & Paid** \$ 53,031,813 Total Individual Claims Finalized & Paid 291,964 Individual Lottery Funds Finalized & Paid \$ 675,986 Individual Lottery Claims Finalized & Paid 2,021 Total Individual Debt Set-Off Funds Finalized & Paid \$ 53,707,799 Total Individual Debt Set-Off Claims Finalized & Paid \$293,985