

ATTORNEY GENERAL — PORTFOLIOS — DEBT COLLECTION AGENCIES

172. Ms M.J. Davies to the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs:

As at 31 May 2021, for all agencies or departments under the Minister's responsibility, please identify:

- (a) The debt collection agencies which currently have contractual agreements; and
- (b) If there are active debt recovery actions and what are the total values of debt sought per agency or department?

Mr J.R. Quigley replied:

Western Australian Electoral Commission

(a)–(b) Nil.

Department of Justice

The following information is inclusive of the State Solicitors Office and the Equal Opportunity Commission.

- (a) National Credit Management Ltd and Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd.
- (b) National Credit Management Ltd has 3 debt recovery actions with a total outstanding debt of \$5,293 for the Department.

Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd has 240,846 enforcement warrants concerning 33,582 debtors with a total outstanding debt of \$140,312,079.

Baycorp is contracted by the Department to assist the Sheriff's Office in enforcing outstanding fines and infringements subject to enforcement warrants issued by the Fines Enforcement Registry (FER). FER enforces outstanding infringements for 140 prosecuting authorities including state government agencies, local government authorities and tertiary education institutions. Infringement payments collected under this arrangement are forwarded to the prosecuting authorities. The above total debt amount of \$140,312,079 is therefore a collective debt to the prosecuting authorities and not just to the Department of Justice.

Corruption and Crime Commission

(a)–(b) Nil.

Legal Practice Board

- (a) Tottle Partners.
- (b) \$86,489.70.

LegalAid WA

- (a) The debt collection agency with which Legal Aid currently has contractual agreement is Baycorp.
- (b) Baycorp does not have any active debt recovery action on behalf of Legal Aid as at 31st May 2021.

Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People

(a)–(b) Nil.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecution

- (a) Nil.
- (b) There are no active debt recovery actions. The total value of debt sought by the ODPP, as at 31 May 2021, totals \$3,610.

Office of the Information Commissioner

(a)–(b) Nil.