

DEPARTMENT OF RACING AND GAMING, APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

716. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer to Question 539 and the information that expenditure on legal advice may include payments made for costs awarded against the Department for appeals to the Supreme Court. Can the Minister advise, for each of the years referred to in Question 539(9) -

- (1) How many appeals against the Department were heard in the Supreme Court?
- (2) How many of those appeals were awarded against the Department?
- (3) What costs were awarded against the Department for appeals to the Supreme Court?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) Two
- (2) One
- (3) \$12,756, including \$4,233 in costs the Department paid in 1999/2000 in consideration of the appellant not continuing with an appeal to the Supreme Court.