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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LEGAL ADVICE, EXPENDITURE

1951. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs

For each department and agency within the Attorney General's portfolio, since 19 February 2001, will the Attorney General provide -

- (a) the total amount spent on legal advice;
- (b) the name of each provider of legal advice;
- (c) the amount paid to each provider of legal advice; and
- (d) the service for which the payments were made?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

CROWN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

(a) \$1,423,017.12 (exclusive of GST)

(b)-(d) Court Services

Judy Eckert - Advise on the preparation of the State Administrative Tribunal Legislation and its implementation.	\$293,459.09
Richard Hooker - Assist the WACART Taskforce in preparation for the Attorney on a report to establish State Administration Act.	\$5,400.00
Penelope Giles - Appear as counsel on a Criminal Injuries Compensation matter.	\$4,140.00
Peter Quinlan - Assist in the preparation of instructions for the Magistrates (Civil Procedures) Bill 2002.	\$15,260.00
Crown Solicitor's Office Raylene Webb - Counsel on Land Claims' matter. Vance Hughston SC- Counsel on Land Claims' matters. Ken Pettit SC- Counsel on Land Claims' matters. Ken Pettit SC- Counsel on Special Litigation matters. Chris Pullin QC- Counsel on Land Claims' matters. Grant Donaldson - Counsel on Land Claims' matters. G Hiley QC - Counsel on Land Claims' matters. Joshua Thomson - Counsel on Land Claims' matters. J Waters - Counsel on Land Claims' matters.	\$72,555.63 \$583,431.52 \$180,863.13 \$7,875.00 \$98,595.00 \$17,500.00 \$4,025.00 \$264.00 \$139,648.75
	\$1,423,017.12

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(a) \$1 262 996.70

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(b)&(c)	Allens Arthur Robinson	\$52 867.54
	Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks	\$9 190.09
	Blake Dawson Waldron	\$9 507.88
	Clayton Utz	\$2 921.30
	Crown Solicitors Office	\$569 654.65
	D'Angelo and Partners	\$15 750
	Deacons	\$1 344.30
	Freehills	\$65 650.93
	Friedman Lurie Singh Barristers	\$55.80
	Griffith Hack	\$25 829.14
	Hoffmans Barristers & Solicitors	\$1 620.00
	Ilbery Barblett	\$60 890.07
	Ilberys Lawyers	\$121 989.40
	M W Odes	\$11 400.00
	Mallesons Stephen Jacques	\$8 914.50
	McAuliffe Williams & Partners	\$169 920.50
	Michael J Bennett	\$600.00
	Minter Ellison Lawyers	\$12 352.29
	Mr Hammond Worthington	\$13 636.36
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Mullins Hancock	\$8 205
Narelle Johnson QC	\$6 525.00
Peter Quinlan Barrister	\$14 744.00
Phillips Fox Lawyers	\$46 860.10
Skea Hager & Co	\$12 176.60
Solomon Brothers	\$3 049.44
Wayne S Martin QC	\$80.00
Young and Young	\$17 262

(d) Services provided related to obtaining legal advice on general and litigation matters (including medical negligence claims) and advice in relation to the Hepatitis C Settlement Scheme.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

- (a) Nil.
- (b)-(d) Not applicable.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

- (a) Nil.
- (b)-(d) Not applicable.

LEGAL AID

Legal Advice payments made from 19th February 2001 to 30th September 2003.

Date of Service	Name of Consultant	Purpose of Engagement	Amount
13-Mar-01	Blake Dawson Waldron	Legal advice obtained in relation ownership of LA Office software	4,180.00
31-Jul-01	Blake Dawson Waldron	Legal advice obtained on a case related matter	953.18
24-Dec-02	Mark Hemery	Opinion on Recovery of costs on Contributions	1,454.55
28-Apr-03	Minter Ellison	Professional Costs in relation to tenancy 9th Floor 55 St George's Tce	1,231.60
9-Jul-03	Talbot & Olivier	Opinion on Contributions from arrested persons	500.00
		TOTAL	\$8,319.33

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

- (a) Nil.
- (b)-(d) Not applicable.

W.A. ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (a)-(c) The Crown Solicitor's Office provides all legal advice required by the Electoral Commissioner. While the Electoral Commissioner is advised of the value of the advice for accrual accounting purposes, there is no requirement for payment to be made. The value of the advice received since 19 February 2001 is \$108,000.
- (d) Interpretation of the Electoral Act 1907 and the Local Government Act 1995