

CONSULTANTS, MR LES SMITH

1106. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Peel and the South West

- (1) Will the Attorney General advise if Mr Les Smith AM, former State Electoral Commissioner, has been providing consultancy services?
- (2) If so over what period of time, which financial years?
- (3) What remuneration has Mr Smith received in each of the financial years?
- (4) What services have taxpayer dollars purchased from Mr Smith?

Mr McGINTY replied:

- (1) Yes. Mr Les Smith AM has provided a range of consultancy services within the portfolio of the Attorney General. The Director General of the Department of Justice engaged Mr Smith under two separate contracts for services under section 100 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994. He has also provided a consultancy service to the Law Reform Commission and the Legal Practice Board.
- (2) The first contract commenced from 14 January 1997 and the second from 16 April 1997. Under the second contract, Mr Smith was engaged to specifically assist the Attorney General of Western Australia in negotiations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Western Australia in 1997 in reviewing arrangements for Legal Aid for people in need of that aid in Western Australia.

- (3) Department of Justice

1996-1997	\$7,604
1997-1998	\$46,394 (1)
1998-1999	\$57,245 (2)
1999-2000	\$20,485
2000-2001	\$8,559
2000-2002	1.7.01-21.8.01 \$1,699

Legal Practice Board

1999-2000	\$810
2000-2001	\$2,139.50
1.7.01-11.10.01	\$2,838

Law Reform Commission

2000-2001	\$1,749
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- (4) Department of Justice

- (a) Gathering information about issues of a review nature and reporting to the Director General on those issues.
- (b) Negotiations with the Commonwealth on Legal Aid matters.
- (c) A review of the operations of the Legal Aid Commission with a Senior Assistant Crown Solicitor and an Assistant Under Treasurer.
- (d) Negotiations on a service level agreement between the State and the Legal Aid Commission.
- (e) Assistance with the review of the Legal Aid Commission Act 1976 and the drafting of a Bill to amend that Act.
- (f) An independent organisational review of the Registry of the District Court and one of the Child Witness Services at the District Court.
- (g) Participating as a member of the Crown Solicitor's review group in the review of the State Supply Commission Act 1991 and the review of the operations of the Commission and the Department of Contract and Management Services.
- (h) Conducting an inquiry into the management of the case of a parolee, Mr Martin Coates, and reporting to the Director General.
- (i) Conducting an inquiry into the incident at Casuarina Prison on 25 December 1998 and reporting to the Director General and matters arising from the report.

- (j) Assisting with a review of the organisational structure of the Court Services executive and reviewing the position of Executive Officer, Special Projects, Court Services.
- (k) Assisting with a functional review of clerical/para legal services in the Crown Solicitor's Office and reviewing the position of General Manager of that Office.
- (l) Examination of the history and funding arrangement of the Law Library at the Supreme Court and preparing a report for the Director General and the Library Committee.
- (m) Assisting the Solicitor General, Mr Robert Meadows QC as Chairman of the selection panel for eight positions of Stipendiary Magistrate and the positions of Crown Counsel and Deputy Crown Solicitor.

Legal Practice Board

Review of the position of Course Administrator at the Articles Training Program and being a member of the selection panel to select a Deputy Director and a Director of the Program and a General Manager of the Legal Practice Board.

Law Reform Commission

Member of the selection panel to select an Executive Officer of the Commission.

- Note (1) \$7085 of the sum of \$46,394 was paid by the Department of Contract and Management Services for the work on the review of the State Supply Commission Act 1991.
- Note (2) \$19,385 of the sum of \$57,245 was paid by the Department of Contract and Management Services and \$18,330 of that latter sum was paid for the Inquiry into the incident at Casuarina Prison.

LEGAL AID

- (1) Yes.
- (2) 1996 / 1997
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- (3) 1996 – 1997 : \$2,625.00
1997 – 1998 : \$ 405.00
- (4) Review of Legal Aid Commission.