

DEPARTMENT OF RACING, GAMING AND LIQUOR, STAFF WITH LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

539. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- (1) Are there any staff within the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor that are legally qualified?
  - (2) If yes, how many, and what is their role within the Department?
  - (3) Do those staff provide legal advice to any persons within the Department?
  - (4) If yes, to whom do they provide legal advice, and why?
  - (5) Are any staff within the Department authorised to seek legal advice outside of the Department?
  - (6) If yes, which staff are authorised to request such advice?
  - (7) On what matters may those staff seek advice?
  - (8) From whom are they authorised to seek legal advice?
  - (9) What has the Department expended for the years -
    - (a) 1998;
    - (b) 1999;
    - (c) 2000;
    - (d) 2001; and
    - (e) 2002,on legal advice?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) No
- (2)-(4) Not applicable
- (5) Yes
- (6) Officers at senior inspector level and above
- (7) Administering legislation relating to liquor, gambling and racing.
- (8) Crown solicitor's Office
- (9)

1997/98	\$84,608 *
1998/99	\$78,185 *
1999/2000	\$59,451
2000/01	\$81,318
2001/02	\$95,965

\* As the Department replaced its Financial Management Information System in 1999/2000, details of this figure are not available and therefore it may include payments made for costs awarded against the Department for appeals to the Supreme Court