

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LEGAL ADVICE, EXPENDITURE

1950. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

For each department and agency within the Deputy Premier's portfolio, since 19 February 2001, will the Deputy Premier 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 E.S. RIPPER replied:

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (a) \$94,489.68;
- (b)&(c)

Crown Solicitor's Office	\$53,493.06
Blake Dawson Waldron	\$14,923.81
Minter Ellison	\$7,871.41
Skea Nelson Hager	\$6,413.00
Deacons	\$5,510.40
Ross Kerferd Barristers & Solicitors	\$1,500.00
Wray & Associates	\$80.00
Jackson McDonald	\$4,698.00;
- (d) various, including commercial and conveyancing, civil law, recoveries, procurement contracts, searches and the Business Taxation Review.

WA Treasury Corporation

- (a) \$385,629.08

(b)-(d)

(b) Name of Provider	(c) Amount paid to Provider	(d) Service provided
Ministry of Justice	\$43,367.12	Borrowing/Lending documentation, various minor
Allen & Overy	\$75,071.92	Overseas borrowing documentation
Blake Dawson Waldron	\$91,549.86	Overseas borrowing documentation
Linklaters	\$106,262.14	Overseas borrowing documentation
Mallesons	\$24,860.84	Overseas borrowing documentation
Sullivan & Cromwell	\$5,198.81	Overseas borrowing documentation
Tokyo Aoyama	\$39,318.39	Overseas borrowing documentation
TOTAL	\$385,629.08	

Office of Native Title

The Office of Native Title usually utilises the services of the Crown Solicitors Office to provide legal advice. The Office is unable to provide cost of services, however, we understand the Attorney General's Department will be able to provide this information.

However, since the 19th February 2003 the Office of Native Title has engaged the services of Hunt & Humphry Project Lawyers in October 2003 to provide advice on the State's Guidelines for the Provision of Evidentiary Material in Support of Applications for a Determination of Native Title, at a total cost of \$1,275.45.

Office of the Auditor General

- (a) Nil

(b)-(d) Not applicable

Western Power Corporation

- (a) Total spent from February 2001 to October 2003 is \$7,382,576.60.

(b)&(c) Ron Birmingham QC \$24,850.00

Allens Arthur Robinson \$483,013.22
Bayly and O'Brien \$1,306.82
Blake Dawson Waldron \$425,507.88
Michael Buss \$16,853.00
Clayton Utz \$365,606.40
Craig Colvin \$106,530.00
Corrs Chambers Westgarth \$117,536.80
David Heldsinger \$18,025.98
Michael Feutrill \$2,950.00
Freehills \$1,850,530.50
Griffith Hack Attorneys \$48,139.50
Hardy Bowen \$840.00
Bruno Illari \$2,250.00
Jackson McDonald and Co. \$633,832.21
Kott Gunning \$150.00
Mallesons Stephen Jaques \$988,842.56
Wayne Martin \$2,500.00
Minter Ellison \$1,217,487.11
McKie and Associates \$2,736.50
Phillips Fox Solicitors \$26,579.50
RM Legal \$10,560.87
Sceales and Company \$8,660.50
Slater and Gordon Pty Ltd \$14,460.05
Skea Hager and Co \$287,773.00
Talbot and Olivier \$46,911.80
Joshua Thomson \$6,489.00
Williams Ellison \$669,780.03
Wray and Associates \$1,874.25

- (d) Services for which payment were made cover a wide range of issues including:

Drafting of agreements; registering of trade marks and patents; acting on behalf of Western Power in court in cases both brought and defended by Western Power; and one off advice on a myriad of issues.

Office of Energy

- (a) The total amount spent on legal advice by the Office of Energy since 19 February 2001 is \$573,099.
- (b)-(c) The names of each provider of legal advice and the amounts and services for which payments were made are:
- Crown Solicitor's Office - \$43,739, Jackson McDonald - \$450,617, Blake Dawson Waldron - \$78,743
- (d) Various, including engagement of members of committees, power procurement processes, contracted term of grant programs, advice on gas market deregulation issues.

Office of Gas Access Regulation

- (a) \$1,521,019.46
- (b) Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Crown Solicitor's Office
- (c) Corrs Chambers Westgarth - \$1,516,093.11
Crown Solicitor's Office - \$4,926.35
- (d) The legal advice was provided for services covering a range of issues related to the functions and operations of the Office of Gas Access Regulation such as the Parmelia Pipeline, and the Mid West and South Gas Distribution Systems.