

ATTORNEY GENERAL — STATE LEGAL CASES — COST

929. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to your answer on 31 August 2022 to my question without notice 634 asked on 11 August 2022 in which you advised that the external legal costs and disbursements to the State in the two related Supreme Court actions involving the President of the Legislative Council were \$23,146.10, and I ask:

- (a) who were the external legal costs paid to;
- (b) what were the disbursements;
- (c) how many hours were recorded by the State Solicitor's Office in representing the Attorney General in both matters;
- (d) how many hours were recorded by the Solicitor-General in representing the Attorney General in both matters; and
- (e) what were the costs incurred by the Corruption and Crime Commission on each matter?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (a) No external legal costs were incurred on behalf of the Attorney General, who was represented by the State Solicitor's Office and the Solicitor-General. External legal costs were incurred on behalf of Darren Foster, who was represented by McNally and Co;
- (b) The disbursements incurred on behalf of the Attorney General consist of court fees and the cost of joint private facilitated settlement conferences;
- (c) The total number of hours recorded in the State Solicitor's Office Time and Matter Costings system for representing the Attorney General in both matters is 1,244 hours; and
- (d) The total number of hours recorded by the Solicitor-General in representing the Attorney General in both matters is 170.5 hours.
- (e) The Commission incurred \$241,548.59 (excluding GST) in legal fees defending *CIV 2717 of 2019 – President of the Legislative Council v Corruption and Crime Commission & Ors*.  
The Commission did not incur any legal fees in *CIV 2716 of 2019 – Attorney General v President of the Legislative Council & Anor*.