

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LEGAL ADVICE, EXPENDITURE

1953. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

For each department and agency within the Minister's portfolio, since 19 February 2001, will the Minister 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?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

Department of Conservation and Land Management

- (a) \$101,744.68
- (b)
  - (i) Clarke Whyte Property Lawyers
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  - (iii) (Clarke Whyte Property Lawyers
  - (iv) Jones Lang LaSalle WA
  - (v) McCusker & Harmer
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  - (viii) Ministry of Justice (Crown Solicitor's Office)
- (c)
  - (i) \$716.00
  - (ii) \$434.09
  - (iii) \$377.27
  - (iv) \$406.00
  - (v) \$40,148.99
  - (vi) \$223.65
  - (vii) \$54.86
  - (viii) \$59,383.82
- (d)
  - (i) Preparation of a contract of sale of land
  - (ii) Drafting of a Deed
  - (iii) Preparation of transfer of land
  - (iv) Legal fees associated with a lease extension for the Department's Fremantle office.
  - (v) Sale of land at Baldivis
  - (vi) Conveyancing
  - (vii) Conveyancing
  - (viii) There were over 300 payments made to the Ministry of Justice (Crown Solicitor's Office) between 19 February 2001 and 1 October 2003. The payments were for various services including examination of leases, licences, and agreements, preparation of legal documents, conveyancing, advice on the recovery of bad debts and court attendances.

Water and Rivers Commission (Swan River Trust)

A review of the Water and Rivers Commission and Swan River Trust records indicate that following expenditures on legal advice. It should be noted that the bulk of the Crown Solicitor's Office advice was not charged for.

- (a) Total amount spent on legal advice is \$115,263.19
- (b) Names of providers of legal advice:
  - Freehills Barristers & Solicitors
  - Clayton Utz Lawyers
  - Deacons
  - Minter Ellison Lawyers
  - Alex Gardner Solicitor
  - Crown Solicitor's Office
- (c) Amount paid to each provider of legal advice:
  - Freehills Barristers & Solicitors - \$845.35

Clayton Utz Lawyers - \$23,206.79  
Deacons - \$6,576.73  
Minter Ellison Lawyers - \$18,711.32  
Alex Gardner Solicitor - \$35,450.00  
Crown Solicitor's Office - \$30,473.00

- (d) Services for payments:  
Freehills Barristers & Solicitors - Employee Relations  
Clayton Utz Lawyers - Employee Relations  
Deacons - Land Dealings  
Minter Ellison Lawyers - Land Dealings  
Alex Gardner Solicitor - Water Resources Management  
Crown Solicitor's Office - Advice (\$5237.00); Land Dealings (\$3167.00) and Agreements/Compensation (\$22,069.00).

#### Department of Environment

The Department of Environment records indicated the following expenditure on legal advice.

- (a) Total amount spent on legal advice is \$42,521.91
- (b) Names of providers of legal advice:  
Crown Solicitor's Office  
Mallesons Stephen Jaques  
Deacons
- (c) Amount paid to each provider of legal advice:  
Crown Solicitor's Office - \$18,176.07  
Mallesons Stephen Jaques - \$22,898.03  
Deacons - \$1,447.81
- (d) Services for payments:  
Crown Solicitor's Office - Legal advice, contracts, prosecution and litigation services  
Mallesons Stephen Jaques - Assistance with the Waste Management Bill  
Deacons - Legal advice re lease of regional accommodation

#### Office of Water Regulation

- (a) \$5,804.
- (b) Blake Dawson and Waldron.
- (c) \$5,804.
- (d) Legal advice in relation to waste water services at Hopetoun.

#### Perth Zoo

- (a) \$9,280.10.
- (b) Crown Solicitor's Office – Department of Justice  
Minter Ellison.
- (c) Crown Solicitor's Office \$5,560.10  
Minter Ellison \$3,720.00
- (d) Crown Solicitor's Office – advice on commercial contracts, copyright, land transfers, Marsupial Co-operative Research Centre agreement and general administrative queries.  
Minter Ellison – advice on sponsorship and sole supplier contract.

#### Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) Total amount was \$93,999.26 (February 2001 to 30 September 2003).
- (b) Crown Solicitor's Office, Minter Ellison, Feinauer & Associates Lawyers, Fearis Salter Power Shervington.
- (c) Crown Solicitor's Office \$31,309.10  
Minter Ellison \$2,549.25  
Feinauer & Associates Lawyers \$1,395.90  
Fearis Salter Power Shervington \$58,745.01

- (d) Crown Solicitor's Office: Legal Advice on License Agreements, Legal Advice on Lease Agreements, Title Searches, Petty Session Matters, General Advice, Intellectual Property Advice, Commercialisation Agreements.
- Minter Ellison: Legal Advice on License Agreements, Legal Advice on Lease Agreements, Title Searches, Petty Session Matters, General Advice.
- Feinauer & Associates Lawyers: Legal Advice on Lease Agreements, General Advice (e.g. Legal framework for Foundation).
- Fearis Salter Power Shervington: Legal Advice on License Agreements, Legal Advice on Lease Agreements, General Advice.