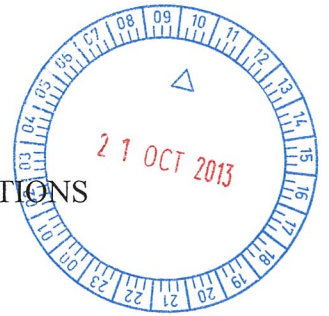


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Date of Hearing: Thursday 26 September 2013
Supplementary Information No: *Additional Question 1*
Session: Department of the Attorney General

Question:

Hon ALANNA CLOHESSY: Vol 2 page 582 – services to government FTEs is increasing by 34 in the next year, but the net cost of service is actually decreasing over the same period. Why does the net cost of service for this section decrease in the 2013-14 budget target when compared to the 2012-13, while staff numbers are increasing by 34?

Answer:

The net cost of service has decreased as funding for running shared services for the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Corrective Services is still being considered by Government.

The increase in FTE's largely reflects increased commercial law resources for the State Solicitor's Office, establishment of a Commissioner for Victims of Crime office and an increase in the corporate allocation to this service.

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Supplementary Information No: *Additional Question 2*
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Question:

Hon ALANNA CLOHESSY: Vol 2 page 481 – The police have received funding over the next 4 years to increase police resources by 550 staff of which a significant number will be sworn officers. Does the Department of the Attorney General expect the planned increase in police numbers to result in increase in workload for sections dealing with criminal offences such as the courts and Legal Aid? If yes, how is the Department planning to respond to this increase? If not, why not?

Answer:

Yes. The Department of the Attorney General does expect a gradual build up in workload in the Courts as a result of increased Police resources. However, all criminal courts are performing well in terms of clearance rates and operating better than median time to trial targets. Court performance is monitored on an ongoing basis to determine any impact of increased workload. If there is a need for additional resources this would be the subject of a budget submission.



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Supplementary Information No: *Additional Question 3*
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Question:

Hon ALANNA CLOHESSY: When the Department of Aboriginal Affairs was asked about the review of the Aboriginal Sentencing Court in Kalgoorlie by the Department of the Attorney General, the Director General of Aboriginal Affairs was not aware of the review. Did the Department inform Department of Aboriginal Affairs of the review and if not, why not?

Answer:

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs was aware of the original review undertaken of the Kalgoorlie Community Court in 2010 and that the previous Attorney General, the Hon Christian Porter had announced on 9 April 2010 that the State Government would continue the Court for 2 years and then the data on outcomes would be re-evaluated.



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Supplementary Information No: *Additional Question 4*
Session: Department of the Attorney General

Question:

Hon ALANNA CLOHESSY: In January 2012, the Law Reform Commission's Report 100 – *Review of Coronial Practice in Western Australia* recommended that a prevention section should be established within the Office of the Coroner, employing sufficient staff to monitor and evaluate responses to, and implementation of, coronial recommendations, analyse coronial data to identify trends and identify prevention activities. Has such a section been established? If not, why not?

Answer:

No. the Coroner's prevention role is currently under consideration as part of the section 57 review of the operations of the Coroners Act 1997 as such a role will require legislative amendment.



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Supplementary Information No: *Additional Question 5*
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Question:

Hon ALANNA CLOHESSY: Has the review of the Office of the Coroner by AOT consultants been completed? If not, when will it be completed? If it has been completed, will the Department provide the Committee with a copy?

Answer:

AOT's Strategic Review of the Coroner's Office has been completed. The Report is under consideration by the Attorney General as part of his deliberations for the section 57 review of the operations of the Coroners Act 1996. Once the Attorney General has completed the section 57 review and it is tabled in Parliament, consideration will be given to the release of the AOT review.



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