

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LEGAL ADVICE, EXPENDITURE

262. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for the Environment; Science

Will the Minister provide the following for each Department and Agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial office -

- (a) the total amount spent on legal advice since 1 July 2003;
- (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:

The Minister for the Environment; Science has provided the following response:

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority:

- (1) \$51,840.38. *
- (2)
 - (i) State Crown Solicitor's Office.
 - (ii) Feinauer & Associates Lawyers.
 - (iii) Minter & Ellison Lawyers.
 - (iv) Fearis Salter Power Shervington.
 - (v) Williams & Hughes Barrister.
- (3)
 - (i) \$12,745.52
 - (ii) \$9,340.10
 - (iii) \$28,593.16 *
 - (iv) \$825.00
 - (v) \$336.60
- (4)
 - (i) Legal Advice on Licence Agreements, Legal Advice on Lease Agreements, Title Searches, Petty Session Matters, General Advice, Intellectual Property Advice, Commercialisation Agreements.
 - (ii) Legal Advice on Lease Agreements, General Legal Advice.
 - (iii) Legal Advice on Licence Agreements, General Advice on Legal Matters, Title Searches, Petty Session Matters, Legal Advice on Lease Agreements.
 - (iv) Legal Advice on lease clauses and general advice.
 - (v) Legal Advice on Bovell Kiosk lease clauses.

Note * Excludes a payment of \$19,343.61 which was subsequently recovered.

Department of Conservation and Land Management:

- (1) \$84,632.96.
- (2)
 - (i) State Solicitor's Office.
 - (ii) Clarke Whyte Property Lawyers.
 - (iii) Kimberley Land Council.
- (3)
 - (i) \$82,130.46.
 - (ii) \$440.00.
 - (iii) \$2,062.50.
- (4)
 - (i) Over 280 payments were made to the Ministry of Justice (State Solicitor's Office) since 1 July 2003 for various services including the examination of leases, licences and agreements, preparation of legal documents, conveyancing and advice on the recovery of bad debts.
 - (ii) Arranging execution of transfer of land and liaising with the settlement agent and attending to settlement and all other incidental matters relating to the sale of land.
 - (iii) Share of costs for drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding between Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

Conservation Commission of Western Australia:

The Conservation Commission has been included in the Department of Conservation and Land Management's response.

Department of Environment:

Department of Environment includes the Swan River Trust and the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

- (1) Department of Environment: \$74,583.67
- (2)
 - (i) State Solicitor's Office
 - (ii) Minter & Ellison Lawyers
- (3)
 - (i) \$48,600.39
 - (ii) \$25,983.28
- (4)
 - (i) Provided opinions, litigation and prosecution services and commercial advice.
 - (ii) Provided services in relation to property and building leases and contracts.
- (1) Swan River Trust: \$4,317.50
- (2) State Solicitor's Office.
- (3) \$4,317.50
- (4) Provided opinions, litigation and prosecution services and commercial advice.

Office of Science and Innovation:

The Office of Science and Innovation is part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and therefore will be included in the response provided by the Premier.

Zoological Parks Authority:

- (1) \$9456.
- (2) State Solicitor's Office.
- (3) \$9456.
- (4) Advice on commercial operations of Perth Zoo including: developing contracts with business partners and sponsors; providing advice on ticketing arrangements for events; and determining whether Perth Zoo has a case against a supplier for faulty equipment supplied.