

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LEGAL ADVICE, EXPENDITURE

256. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources; Federal Affairs

Will the Premier provide the following for each Department and Agency under the Premier'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 G.I. GALLOP replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises (including the Premier's Office and Ministerial Offices):

- (a)-(d) The Department records most payments for legal advice against certain chart numbers. The following details are from payments for legal advice made by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet against the relevant chart numbers. The total amount of expenditure on legal advice is \$1,677,798 since 1 July 2003. Additional expenditure on legal services may have been recorded by some business units within the Department against other chart numbers (such as particular projects). It is not possible to obtain this information without an extensive search of receipts for these specific projects and as such, the information provided is a reflection of the chart numbers mentioned above.

2003-04

Creditor	Amount (\$)	Purpose
State Solicitor's Office	83,432	Professional legal advice
Ebswoth & Ebswoth Lawyers	12,201	Professional legal advice
Hunt and Humphry	1,882	Professional legal advice
Freehills	158,810	Professional legal advice
Richard Hooker	4,900	Professional legal advice
West Australian Land Authority	40,000	Professional legal advice
Department of Planning and Infrastructure	80,484	Professional legal advice
Total	381,709	

2004-05

Creditor	Amount(\$)	Purpose
State Solicitor's Office	136,959	Professional legal advice
Ebswoth & Ebswoth Lawyers	61,909	Professional legal advice
Price Waterhouse Coopers	6,000	Professional legal advice
Peter Quinlan	85,875	Professional legal advice
Hon Dennis Mahoney	197,500	Professional legal advice
Freehills	48,097	Professional legal advice
Department of Housing and Works	3,303	Professional legal advice
Department of Planning and Infrastructure	72,855	Professional legal advice
Department of Treasury and Finance	714	Professional legal advice
Total	613,212	

2005-06

Creditor	Amount (\$)	Purpose
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State Solicitor's Office	7,730	Professional legal advice
Peter Quinlan	155,000	Professional legal advice
Hon Dennis Mahoney	500,000	Professional legal advice
Ebswoth & Ebswoth Lawyers	19,980	Professional legal advice
Department of Planning and Infrastructure	167	Professional legal advice
Total (to 4 November 2005)	682,877	

Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner advises:

- (a) Total amount spent on legal advice since 1 July 2003 to date is \$1,535.00.
- (b) Department of Housing and Works  
Wickham Chambers  
Minter Ellison Lawyers  
Crown Solicitor's Office
- (c) Department of Housing and Works \$370.70  
Wickham Chambers \$962.50  
Minter Ellison Lawyers \$75.00  
Crown Solicitor's Office \$127.05
- (d) The service providers supplied the Office with legal opinions in legal issues including advice on email disclaimers, accommodation arrangements and legislative obligations of the Office.

Governor's Establishment advises:

- (a)-(d) Not applicable

Water Resources:

Please refer to question on notice 260.