

Question on Notice

No. 1515

Asked on Wednesday , 29 November 2006

MR MESSENGER asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the special mediation and compensation process for victims of rogue surgeon Jayant Patel and to compensation paid through this process -

- (1) What is the total amount of compensation paid to date?
- (2) Of the compensation paid to date, how much was paid to lawyers and how much to victims?
- (3) What was the total number of applicants for compensation?
- (4) Of the total number of applicants, how many have been deemed ineligible for compensation?

ANSWER:

(1) and (2) As the Honourable Member is aware, the previous Attorney-General did not release the details of the compensation payments under the Special Process due to the concern it would "serve only to jeopardise future negotiations". Negotiations are on-going and I do not want future negotiations to be jeopardised in any way. I reported to the Parliament on the operation of the Special Process on 28 November 2006, when I advised the House that more than half of the eligible claims had been finalised at that time. The Government intends to release full details of the payments under the Special Process when all claims have been dealt with.

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