

Question on Notice

No. 514

Asked on Wednesday, 19 April 2006

Mr SPRINGBORG asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mrs Lavarch) -

QUESTION:

With reference to (a) the alleged incident involving the former Attorney-General and a junior employee at a staff Christmas party held by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 2002, including our various freedom of information applications relating to those events (b) Crown Law's advice of 13 May 2004 to the Office of the Information Commissioner that "*the Crown Solicitor acts for the Department in all related matters*" (c) the former Attorney-General's response to Question on Notice No. 1096, asked on 28 September 2004, that the value of Crown Law's services in these matters to that time was \$36,298.50 and (d) the fact that Crown Law has continued to act for the department in these matters –

What is the total value of legal services in this regard, as assessed by Crown Law, from the date on which the former Director-General first sought the advice of the Crown Solicitor on 18 July 2003 to the present, whether subject to invoice or not, including any and all services provided to, or on behalf of, affected parties such as the primary witness and alleged victim?

ANSWER:

From the 18 July 2003 to the 31 March 2006 the total value of legal services in relation to these matters is \$88,421.44.

I am informed that all these costs relate to legal services provided to the department and to departmental officers, not to the former Attorney-General.