

Question on Notice

No. 843

Asked on Wednesday, 24 May 2006

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

QUESTION:

What is the total cost of outsourced legal services provided for her department for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (reported separately) and who provided the legal work undertaken by each legal service provider (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The following tables list at a summary level, the outsourced legal services for the Department of Justice and Attorney-General for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to 31 May 2006.

The majority of the legal work outsourced by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) is to individuals at the private bar for the conduct of prosecutions and for confiscated assets under Chapter 2 of *Criminal Process Confiscation Act 2002*. The majority of confiscation related costs are reimbursed by the Crime and Misconduct Commission. For privacy reasons, the name of each of these persons has not been provided.

The following information does not include amounts paid for legal services provided by Crown Law, the preferred legal service provider to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

2003-04 Financial Year

Legal Service Provider	Amount
Confiscations and Crown Prosecution (ODPP)	\$ 739,389.50
Guardianship and Administration Tribunal	\$ 350.00
Office Adult Guardian	\$ 18,230.00
Total	\$ 757,969.50

2004-05 Financial Year

Legal Service Provider	Amount
Confiscations and Crown Prosecution (ODPP)	\$ 1,027,286.16
Land and Resources Tribunal	\$ 3,886.36
Office Adult Guardian	\$ 20,653.00
Farrellys Lawyers	\$ 2,845.26
Brian Bartley and Associates	\$ 57,327.06
Total	\$ 1,111,997.84

2005-06 Financial Year (to 31 May 2006)

Legal Service Provider	Amount
Confiscations and Crown Prosecution (ODPP)	\$ 734,933.87
McCullough Robertson Lawyers	\$ 772.20
Land and Resources Tribunal	\$ 9,058.25
Office Adult Guardian	\$ 30,305.00
Farrellys Lawyers	\$ 6,839.55
Legal Services Commission	\$ 14,175.01
Clayton Utz	\$ 10,294.95
Brian Bartley and Associates	\$ 40,909.67
Macrossans Lawyers	\$ 11,798.56
Total (to 31 May 2006)	\$ 859,087.06