Question on Notice

No. 848

Asked on 24 May 2006

MR HOPPER asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)-

QUESTION:

What is the total cost of outsourced legal services provided for his 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:

I thank the Honourable Member for his question seeking the total cost of outsourced legal services provided for Queensland Transport and Main Roads.

I am advised that the tables below list the service providers who provided outsourced legal services for my departments for the 2003-04, 2004-05 financial years and the 2005-06 financial year to 31 March 2006. It would be ridiculous to have my departments itemize who (that is which person/s) in each legal service provider listed, undertook the work. The total amounts are as reported by the Divisions and Districts within the portfolio as per our reporting arrangements.

2003-04 Financial Year

Legal Service Provider	Amount
Allens Arthur Robinson	\$152,959.59
Blake Dawson Waldron Lawyers	\$23,124.59
Boulton Cleary & Kern	\$65,713.87
Carter Newell	\$5,149.43
Clayton Utz	\$548,489.71
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	\$91,936.02
Deacons	\$6,282.38
Doyles Construction Lawyers	\$1,897.60
Dr Edgar Gold QC	\$2,000.00
Dr Michael White QC	\$2,200.00
Dunn & Bradstreet	\$1,563.48
Ebsworth & Ebsworth	\$15,471.25
Minter Ellison Lawyers	\$22.293.15
Peter J Baston (Barrister)	\$23,100.00
RWG Hume (Barrister)	\$5,720.00
Sharon Durley (Barrister)	\$14,316.50
The Institute of Facilitators & Mediators Aust.	\$5,000.00
White, Young & Williams	\$775.50

Wolf Dross Holdings Pty Ltd	\$28,752.91
Total for the 2003-04 Financial Year	\$1,016,745.98

2004-05 Financial Year

Legal Service Provider	Amount
Allens Arthur Robinson	\$346,453.59
Blake Dawson Waldron Lawyers	\$2,540.40
Boulton Cleary & Kern	\$275,900.78
Carter Newell	\$847.28
Clayton Utz	\$564,955.03
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	\$49,538.77
Doyles Construction Lawyers	\$8,904.06
Dunn & Bradstreet	\$152.42
Gadens Lawyers	\$68,745.89
Minter Ellison Lawyers	\$11,623.15
Sharon Durley (Barrister)	\$37,798.00
Total for 2004-05 Financial Year	\$1,367,459.37

2005-06 Financial Year (to 31 March 2006)

Legal Service Provider	Amount
Allens Arthur Robinson	\$600,862.46
Boulton Cleary & Kern	\$244,591.43
Clarke Kann	\$4,000.00
Clayton Utz	\$709,103.67
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	\$66,228.31
Evans & Peck	\$73,291.98
Gadens Lawyers	\$108,207.98
MacDonnells Solicitors	\$3,850.00
Minter Ellison Lawyers	\$71,845.95
Phillips Fox Lawyers	\$92,688.50
Sharon Durley (Barrister)	\$59,520.00
Total for 2005-06 Financial Year (to 31 March 2006)	\$2,034,190.28

I am advised that the level of outsourced legal service advice has risen in this financial year associated with the legal work required for significant projects including North/South Bypass tunnel.