

Question on Notice

No. 777

Asked on Friday, 25 May

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

QUESTION:

With reference to out of court settlements—

- (1) What is the number of out of court settlements valued in excess of \$50,000 negotiated by the Crown Law Office in the last three years in relation to (a) the State of Queensland, (b) departments of the Queensland Government on an individual department basis and (c) agencies, government owned enterprises, etc of the Queensland Government however defined on an individual agency basis?
- (2) What was the total cost of all such out of court settlements for (a) the State of Queensland, (b) departments of the Queensland Government on an individual department basis and (c) agencies, government owned enterprises, etc of the Queensland Government however defined on an individual agency basis?"

ANSWER:

(1) and (2) It is not appropriate for me to detail settlements involving agencies which are not within my portfolio responsibilities.

In relation to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General I can provide the following information:

There was one WorkCover settlement for the amount of \$80,000 and another settlement of \$475,000. The second settlement was for former Queensland Chief Magistrate Di Fingleton. This settlement was publicly announced through a media statement issued by the Premier on 1 September 2005 titled "Settlement Reached With Ms Di Fingleton".