

Estimates Committee 2011

Questions Taken On Notice

(14/06/2011 to 23/06/2011)

Date: 14/06/2011 Output:
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Subject: Office of the Solicitor for the Northern Territory

From:Mr John Elferink to Hon Delia Lawrie
Department of Justice

Question: **1-3**
In terms of the increase of the numbers of solicitors attached to the Solicitor for the Northern Territory's office, how many solicitors did the Solicitor for the Northern Territory take over when it expanded, and how many solicitors are there now? I am sure the second part of that question could be answered fairly quickly.

Answer:
Answered On: 14/06/2011

Department of Justice

Answered 14/6/11

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2011 – QUESTION ON NOTICE

Portfolio: Justice and Attorney-General
Racing, Gaming and Licensing
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Minister: The Hon. Delia Lawrie

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2011

Question No: 1.3

Question: Increase in the number of solicitors. How many solicitors did SFNT take over when they expanded?

Response:

- In 2006/07 Cabinet approved funding to the value of \$1.134m to the SFNT to increase its capacity to provide legal advice and representation to government.
- In March 2006 Cabinet decided that the SFNT should encompass all persons employed in an agency whose role was to provide legal advice to the agency. At that time there were 16 lawyers based in 7 of the agencies.
- After the initial review of the agency based lawyers, 16 positions were transferred. There are currently 28.95 agency based lawyers located in 11 agencies.

	SFNT Law Officers Based in the Agencies (funded by the Agencies)	SFNT Law Officers at Main Office	Total
2004/05 *		36	36
2005/06 *		30	30
2006/07 *		35.89	35.89
2007/08 Agency Based Lawyer Program Formalised under MOU's	15	32.28	47.28
2008/09	17	32.01	49.01
2009/10	23.1	33.29	56.39
2010/11 (as at 31 March 2011)	28.95	34.19	63.14

* Budgeted positions