

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
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To: Hon Chansey Paech

Portfolio: Attorney-General & Justice

Agency: Attorney-General & Justice

Subject: Legal advice for witness at coronial inquest in Alice Springs

QUESTION

A witness who appeared before the coronial inquest in Alice Springs was from the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice. Can you please advise whether legal advice was provided by SFNT or outside counsel and the cost of that advice?

ANSWER

The Solicitor for the Northern Territory did not support any witnesses from the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice. However, one witness appeared from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet who the SFNT did support. This was in the nature of assisting them with a statement and proofing their evidence at no additional cost to the department.