

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Chief Minister:

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC)

For the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 (to date) please provide the following information:

1. How many times in each year did the ICAC have the need to seek legal advice due to an individual or entity taking legal action against the ICAC?
 2. What person or agency provided the legal advice to the ICAC?
 3. What was the cost of each legal case in each year?
 4. Who made the decision to seek external legal advice?
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ANSWERS:

1. The ICAC sought legal advice over the last three calendar years as follows:
 - 2019: Nil
 - 2020: One
 - 2021: Four (including a notice of intended action) as at the time of preparing this response.
2. The following person or agency provided or will be providing legal advice to the ICAC:
 - 2019: Not applicable
 - 2020: Solicitor General's office
 - 2021: Solicitor General's office, Hutton McCarthy (upon advice that the Solicitor for the Northern Territory was conflicted), and Ben Doyle QC (upon advice that the Solicitor General was conflicted).
3. The costs of legal advice received were as follows:
 - 2019: Nil
 - 2020: Nil
 - 2021: No invoices received to date.
4. The current and former Commissioner.