Estimates Committee 2004
Questions Taken On Notice
(22/06/2004 to 01/10/2004)

Date:	22/06/2004	Output:	1.0 Parliamentary Services
		Sub Output:	1.2 Member and Client Services
Subject:	Costs of Legal or Professional Advice to Members		

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Question: Please advise what costs have been incurred, by which Members of the Legislative Assembly, to seek legal or other professional advice for matters pertaining to work related to the Assembly, and paid for by the Assembly, in the last 12 months?

Answer:

Answered On: 24/06/2004

Answer: Costs were incurred in seeking legal advice for one Member which flowed from a request for advice from the Clerk on a potential issue of parliamentary privilege. This advice was sought under guidelines set down which include Speaker's approval and submission to the Office of the Solicitor for the N.T.

The costs are as follows:

· $891 for preliminary legal advice
· $2,709 for drafting considered legal advice