

Estimates Committee 2004 Questions Taken On Notice

(22/06/2004 to 01/10/2004)

Date: 23/06/2004 Output: 1 Legal Services
Sub Output: 1.1 Solicitor for the Northern Territory

Subject: Lake Bennett Mediation

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Honourable Dr Peter TOYNE
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

Question: **4-1**
How much did it cost per day to employ a mediator, this is related to the Lake Bennett land issues, and was that person paid when there was no mediation?

How much did your department spend over this financial year on matters relating to Lake Bennett land issues and please give a breakdown of what that money was used for.

What legal matters are still current regarding Lake Bennett and when do you expect these matters to be finally resolved?

Answer:
Answered On: 23/06/2004
Answer: The terms were that the mediator be paid \$2000 per day or \$250 per hour and was engaged on a per day or per hour basis, not as part of a package.

Costs for 2003-04:
- Mediator \$8750
- Contributions to parties' legal costs of the mediation \$15637.50
- Costs of settlements, including legal costs of litigation \$105500, including a settlement expected to be paid this financial year.

Court proceedings against the Territory by three easement holders have been settled with Deeds of Release.
Proceedings on behalf of the development company and personal proceedings by the developer and his wife remain current.
Most issues affecting the implementation of the mediation outcome have been resolved.
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