

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to Minister for Children and Families.

Ombudsman Report – A Lifelong Shadow

1. What was the cost of the legal opinion obtained by the Department referred to on page 22 of the Ombudsman Report – A Lifelong Shadow.
2. Who was the Barrister engaged to accompany staff being interviewed as witnesses by the Ombudsman as reported in the Ombudsman Report – A Lifelong Shadow.
3. Was he/she from the Territory or from interstate and if so, which state.
4. Which firm did the Barrister come from.
5. Why was a legal opinion sought from a senior counsel at the Victorian Bar.
6. Were the staff directed to be accompanied by the Barrister.
7. Did the staff or the Department pay for the Barrister's services.
8. What was the hourly rate for the Barrister to accompany staff members.
9. How many staff were accompanied to interviews by the Barrister.
10. What was the total cost for engaging the Barrister. – Break down by flights, accommodation and legal services.
11. Referring to Item 31: Reviews of Services contained in the 2011 Estimates obtained through Freedom of Information:-
 - a) When was the Evaluation of Youth Camps completed and if not completed, when will it be completed and further, who undertook the review and what was the cost;
 - b) Has the Review of the Interim organization structure of the Department of Children and Families by Mercer been completed;

- c) When was the Evaluation of mandatory reporting legislation completed and if not completed, when will it be completed;
 - d) When was the Evaluation of the Family Support Package completed, and if not completed, when will it be completed and further, who undertook the review and what was the cost;
 - e) When was the Review of Out of Home services completed, and if not completed, when will it be completed; and
 - f) When was the Review of the Child Protection Intake Service, completed, and if not completed, when will it be completed and further, who undertook the review and what was the cost.
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