

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

7th Assembly

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70. Government Cost Agreements regarding Legal Action, Everingham v Toyne

Mr. BELL to MINISTER for CHIEF MINISTER

QUESTION

1. Was Mr Everingham involved in a cost agreement with the Northern Territory Government with respect to legal action Everingham v Toyne.

If the answer to question 1 is yes:

2. Under which statutory provision does the Chief Minister purport to make payments under the cost agreement to Mr Everingham.
3. Has the Northern Territory Government paid any monies on this agreement to date; if so, how much.
4. If the answer to question 3 is yes, to whom were those monies paid to under the agreement.
5. If the answer to question 3 is yes, what services were purchased by the Northern Territory Government under that agreement.

ANSWER

Answered on 20/02/96

While it would be useful to know if the Honourable Member for Macdonnell inquired as to whether the plaintiff Mr Phillip Toyne's costs were in any way funded by his previous employer the Pitjantjarra Council, I can advise that Mr Everingham received no funding from the NT Government, nor did he have any costs agreement with the NT Government with respect to his defence of the action.