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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA: To the Attorney-General

In relation to: **Courts and Tribunals recurrent expenditure**

[Ref: Budget paper D p10 Expenditure
Report on Government Services 2021 Table 7A pp1-]

1. I note the 2019-20 budget had an allocation of \$74.1m for courts and tribunals, but that it came in considerably under that at \$67.9m.
What are the main reasons for the lower costs?
2. The 2020-2021 budget has an allocation of \$79.3m. What elements make up the increase in the 2020-21 budget?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The lower than budgeted cost for 2019-20 was driven primarily by a delay in completing the ACT Court Project. Until the project was completed, monthly service and interest payments were not made.
2. The increased allocation relates mainly to the full year impact of the monthly service and interest payments required under the Public, Private, Partnership arrangements for the ACT Courts building. As indicated in Budget Statement D 2020-21, other major elements to the increase are a reprofiling of some PPP funding to 20-21 year (\$1.8m); other reprofiling including transfers from capital (\$1.0m); increased resourcing for Magistrate Court (\$0.310m); a step in funding for various initiatives commenced the preceding year; and increases to reflect increased rates such as superannuation (\$0.6m), indexation and depreciation (\$0.6m).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

Date: 15/3/21

By the Attorney-General, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA