



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Ms Jo Clay MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Attorney General

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In relation to: Line items “better support for families and inclusion – More resources for the Director of Public Prosecutions” on page 30.

1. Can the Minister provide a more detailed description of what this line item entails?
2. Can the Minister provide an itemised list of what this line item will be used for and at what cost for each item?
3. Why was the \$35,000 intended for the 2020-21 financial year not spent and why has it been pushed back to 2021-2022?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

This rollover of \$35,000 for the *Better support for families and inclusion – More resources for the Director of Public Prosecutions* initiative from the 2020-21 financial year to the 2021-22 financial year was required to financially complete the fit-out of the Director of Public Prosecutions office accommodation. The project was physically completed in December 2020. The invoice of \$35,000 was to pay Shared Services-ICT for the roll-out of ICT infrastructure.

In the 2018-19 Budget, the government provided additional funding to the Director of Public Prosecutions of \$6.9 million over four years to provide an additional 12 staff to meet an increased demand for prosecution services, particularly due to more complex criminal trials.

As part of this request, the government also provided capital funding of \$350,000 to accommodate these additional staff.

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

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By the Attorney General, Shane Rattenbury MLA