



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Zed Seselja MLA (Chair), Mary Porter AM MLA (Deputy Chair), Chris Bourke MLA,
Brendan Smyth MLA

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

**Inquiry into 2011–12 Annual reports
Office of the Legislative Assembly**

Responses to questions taken on notice at public hearing of 26 March 2013

Responses to supplementary questions following on from the public hearing of 26 March 2013

QTON # 1
2011-12 Annual Reports
Legislative Assembly
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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
2011-12 Annual Report Hearings
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
Question Taken on Notice
Tuesday 26 March 2013

In relation to the service of prayer and worship to mark the opening of the 2013 parliamentary year of the Legislative Assembly for the ACT, held at St Paul's Anglican Church Manuka, on Monday, 11 February 2013, at 10am, I sent invitations as follows:

Islamic Society of the ACT
Canberra and Region Jewish Community
Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Canberra
Sakya Losal Choe Dzong
The Hindu Temple & Cultural Centre
Vishnu Shiva Mandir Canberra
Canberra Sikh Association
Wat Khemamarangsi
Spiritual Association of the Baha'is
Canberra Islamic Centre
The Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Canberra & Goulburn Anglican Community
Canberra Region Presbytery
Canberra Baptist Church
Canberra Chinese Methodist Church
Church of St Andrew
The Salvation Army of the ACT
Immanuel Woden Valley Lutheran Church
Antiochian Orthodox Mission of St Ignatius
Ainslie Church of Christ
St Mark Coptic Orthodox Church
Greek Orthodox Parish of St Nicholas
Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church
Liberal Catholic Church of St Thomas
Christian Science Canberra
St John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church
Ukrainian Catholic Church of St Volodymyr
Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church
Canberra Christian Life Centre
Parliamentary Prayer Network
The congregations of:

- All Saints' Anglican Church
- Basement Ministries
- St John the Baptist Anglican Church
- All Souls' Anglican Church
- St Barnabas' Ministry Centre

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- Good Shepherd Anglican Church
- St Luke's Anglican Church
- St Paul's Anglican Church
- Gungahlin Anglican Church
- Holy Cross Anglican Church
- Christ Anglican Church
- St James' Anglican Church
- Holy Covenant Anglican Church
- St Simon's Anglican Church
- St Stephen's Anglican Church
- Lanyon Valley Anglican Church
- St Paul's Anglican Church
- St Philip's Anglican Church
- St George's Anglican Life Centre
- St Mary-in-the-Valley Anglican Church
- St Matthew's Anglican Church
- St Peter's Anglican Church
- St Alban the Martyr Anglican Church
- Canberra Central Uniting Church
- Canberra City Uniting Church
- Gungahlin Uniting Church
- Melba Uniting Church
- O'Connor Uniting Church
- St Columba's Uniting Church
- St James' Uniting Church
- St Margaret's Uniting Church
- St Ninian's Uniting Church
- Tuggeranong Uniting Church
- Weston Creek Uniting Church
- Wattle Park Uniting Church
- Yarralumla Uniting Church
- North Canberra Baptist Church
- Dickson Baptist Church
- Canberra Baptist Church
- Hughes Baptist Church
- Belconnen Baptist Church
- North Belconnen Baptist Church
- Tuggeranong Baptist Church
- Brindabella Baptist Church
- Presbyterian Church of St Andrew
- New Life Presbyterian Church
- Tuggeranong Presbyterian Church
- Belconnen Salvation Army Corps
- Northside Salvation Army Corps
- Woden Valley Salvation Army Corps
- Belconnen Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- Good Shepherd Community Church

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- Immanuel Woden Valley Lutheran Church
- Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church
- St Peter's Memorial Lutheran Church
- Canberra Christian Life Centre
- CapitalEdge
- Horizon Christian Centre
- LifeCity Church
- Northside Life Church
- Gungahlin Parish
- Chamwood Parish, St Thomas Aquinas
- St John the Apostle
- St Monica's Evatt
- St Matthew's Page
- St Vincent de Paul, Aranda
- Holy Rosary, Weston
- St Thomas More's Campbell
- St Christopher's Cathedral
- St John Vianney's Waramanga
- Holy Trinity
- Sacred Heart, Pearce
- St Benedict's Narrabundah
- St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah
- St Anthony of Padua
- Holy Family

Mr Zed Seselja MLA

Mr Brendan Smyth MLA

Ms Katy Gallagher MLA

Mr Andrew Barr MLA

Mr Simon Corbell MLA

Ms Joy Burch MLA

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Ms Mary Porter AM MLA

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA

Ms Yvette Berry MLA

Dr Chris Bourke MLA

Mr Steve Dospot MLA

Mr Alistair Coe MLA

Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA

Mrs Giulia Jones MLA

Mr Andrew Wall MLA

All Assembly building occupants

Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

The Embassy of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Embassy of the Argentine Republic

Embassy of Austria

High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Royal Belgian Embassy

Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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High Commission of the Republic of Botswana
Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil
High Commission of Brunei Darussalam
Embassy of Bulgaria
Royal Embassy of Cambodia
High Commission of Canada
Embassy of the Republic of Chile
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
Embassy of the Republic of Colombia
Embassy of the Republic of Croatia
Embassy of the Republic of Cuba
High Commission of Cyprus
Embassy of the Czech Republic
Royal Danish Embassy
Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador
Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Embassy of the Republic of El Salvador
Delegation of the European Union
High Commission of the Republic of Fiji
Embassy of Finland
Embassy of France
Embassy of Georgia
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
High Commission of the Republic of Ghana
Embassy of Greece
Apostolic Nunciature
Embassy of Hungary
High Commission of India
Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Embassy of the Republic of Iraq
Embassy of Ireland
Embassy of Israel
Embassy of Italy
Embassy of Japan
Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
High Commission of the Republic of Kenya
Embassy of the Republic of Korea
Embassy of the State of Kuwait
Embassy of the Lao's People's Democratic Republic
Embassy of Lebanon
Embassy of Libya
Embassy of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
High Commission of Malaysia
High Commission of Malta
High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius
Embassy of Mexico
Embassy of Mongolia
Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco
Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Embassy of Nepal
 Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
 New Zealand High Commission
 High Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 Royal Norwegian Embassy
 High Commission of Pakistan
 High Commission of Papua New Guinea
 Embassy of Paraguay
 Embassy of the Republic of Peru
 Embassy of The Philippines
 Embassy of the Republic of Poland
 Embassy of Portugal
 Embassy of the State of Qatar
 Embassy of Romania
 Embassy of the Russian Federation
 High Commission of Samoa
 Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
 Embassy of the Republic of Serbia
 High Commission of the Republic of Singapore
 Embassy of the Slovak Republic
 Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia
 Solomon Islands High Commission
 South African High Commission
 Embassy of Spain
 High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
 Embassy of Sweden
 Embassy of Switzerland
 Royal Thai Embassy
 Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
 High Commission of the Kingdom of Tonga
 Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia
 Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
 High Commission of the Republic of Uganda
 Embassy of Ukraine
 Embassy of the United Arab Emirates
 British High Commission
 Embassy of the United States of America
 Embassy of Uruguay
 High Commission of the Republic of Vanuatu
 Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
 Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
 Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe
 Australian Christian Lobby (several people)
 Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (several people)
 Capon & Hubert Lawyers & Mediators
 Staff and students:

- Brindabella Christian College
- Burgmann Anglican School
- Canberra Christian School
- Canberra Girls' Grammar School

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- Canberra Grammar School
- Covenant College
- Daramalan College
- Emmaus Christian School
- Good Shepherd Primary School
- Holy Family Primary School
- Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
- Holy Trinity Primary School
- St Mary MacKillop College
- Marist College
- Merici College
- Radford College
- Rosary Primary School
- Sacred Heart Primary School
- St Anthony's Parish Primary School
- St Bede's Primary School
- St Benedict's Primary School
- St Clare of Assisi Primary School
- St Clare's College
- St Edmund's College
- St Francis of Assisi Primary School
- St Francis Xavier College
- St John the Apostle Primary School
- St John Vianney's Primary School
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
- St Jude's Primary School
- St Matthew's Primary School
- St Michael's Primary School
- St Monica's Primary School
- Sts Peter & Paul Primary School
- St Thomas Aquinas Primary School

The judiciary

The legal profession (law firms, barristers and professional bodies)

A broad range of organisations in the community sector



Vicki Dunne MLA

Speaker

26 March 2013

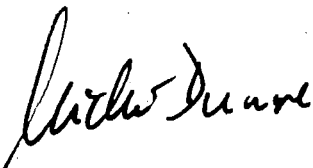
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QTN # 2
2011-12 Annual Rpt
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In relation to the Discretionary Office Allowance report of Zed Seselja MLA for 2010-11 and the disclosure of \$1,500 for "Production of a report on behalf of Mrs Dunne".

This relates to legal advice received in relation to the submission of Mrs Dunne dated 8 April 2011 made to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committees' inquiry into the provisions of the *Water Act 2007* (Cth).

See attached submission, including the legal advice received from K M Corke & Associates. This submission, including the legal advice, is published on the Committees' website. Accordingly, the legal and professional privilege attaching to that advice is waived.



Vicki Dunne MLA
Speaker
26 March 2013

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The Submission referred to in Madam Speaker's response to QToN No. 2 is available for download from the **Senate Standing Committees on Legal and Constitutional Affairs** inquiry homepage as detailed below.

Inquiry into the Provisions of the Water Act 2007—

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctte/completed_inquiries/2010-13/provisionswateract2007/index.htm

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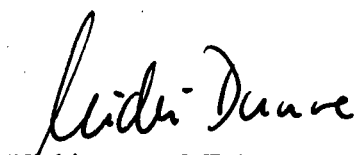
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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
2011-12 Annual Report Hearings
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In relation to the Discretionary Office Allowance report of Vicki Dunne MLA for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 and the disclosure of \$2,000 for "Preparation of report *The Regulation of Gifts and Donations under the Electoral Act 1992*".

This advice is subject to legal and professional privilege and is not released.



Vicki Dunne MLA
Speaker
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Introduction to the study of the

Speaker



Member for
Ginninderra

Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

10 April 2013

Mr. Zed Seselja
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
ACT Legislative Assembly
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Seselja,

At the public hearing held on 25 March 2013, the Office of the Legislative Assembly took a number of questions on notice. I have previously providing the committee with some answers. Please see the responses to those further questions attached.

Yours sincerely,


Vicki Dunne
Speaker



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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE AT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS HELD ON 26 MARCH 2013.

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Mr Smyth sought information about the decline in paper recycling recorded in 2011-12 when compared to the 2010-11 period and an increase in the number of reams of paper per-person for the same period (p140 of the transcript). The answer to the member's questions is as follows:

The Office records the amount paper purchased for use by members and their staff and for OLA staff.

It also records the amount of recycling that takes places (recorded by the number of recycling receptacles that are processed over the reporting period).

The 2011-12 figures for reams of paper per person increased over the preceding year (19.9 reams per person versus 13.3) while at the same time the amount of paper recycled decreased (0.8 cubic metres per person in 2010-11 versus 0.5 cubic metres per person in 2011-12).

The Office is unaware of any clear reason as to why these variances were observed.

One explanation that might account for the variances that were observed between 2010-11 and 2011-12 is the possibly larger number of printed publications such as newsletters, letters and so forth that were produced by non-executive members during the 2011-12 financial year as a proportion of the overall amount of paper purchased. This could explain the upward movement in the number of reams of paper purchased and the concomitant decrease in the volume of paper being recycled at the Assembly given that printed materials such as newsletters and letters to third parties outside of the building would not be captured by the Office's record keeping systems as having been recycled.

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Mr Seselja sought information about the amount of 'green energy' and 'ordinary energy' purchased by the Office of the Legislative Assembly on a per annum basis (p 143 of the transcript). The answer to the member's questions is as follows:

The amount of 'green energy' purchased by the Office on behalf of the Territory increased between 2010-11 and 2011-12 (from 17% to 40%). These increases related directly to the larger green energy spend at the whole-of-government level, the cost of which is borne by all agencies that purchase energy through the whole-of-government contract, including the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

The total spend on Greenchoice energy in 2011-12 was \$11,576.28 (325,961kwh).

The total spend on energy (gas and electricity) not including Greenchoice in 2011-12 was \$168,068.34. The energy consumption figures for the last two financial years can be found below.

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Q ToW # 6
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Mr Seselja sought details about the overall energy costs borne by the Office of the Legislative Assembly over the last two years and information about any cost impacts associated with the introduction of a carbon tax (p 146 of the transcript). The answer to the member's question is as follows:

The following are total consumption figures for gas and electricity as reported in the 2011-12 annual report:

	Gas consumption	Electricity consumption
2010-11	1,724,341 MJ	2,958,800.4 MJ
2011-12	1,682,655 MJ	2,919,463.2 MJ

In June 2012, ActewAGL (the Office's then supplier of electricity and gas) wrote to its customers advising that:

As a broad guide based on historically published ACI [average carbon intensity], the electricity prices will increase by around \$21 per megawatt hour (MWh), ex GST. For natural gas customers, the carbon adjustment will generally address two broad sources of emissions: emissions embodied in the gas, where some of that gas is expected to be used by you (combustion emissions), and emissions from gas production and transportation processes (upstream emissions). This is likely to mean a carbon adjustment of approximately \$1.60 per gigajoule (GJ), ex GST.

In estimating carbon-related cost increases on this basis, the Office examined the Assembly's consumption patterns in the preceding financial year (2011-12) and applied the rate increases quoted above. On this basis, the full year affect of the quoted per MWh and per GJ increases would result in an overall cost increase of approximately \$2,700 for gas and \$17,000 for electricity in 2012-13. The carbon tax commenced on 1 July 2012, no price impacts associated with the tax were observed prior to this date.

Q ToW # 7
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Mr Smyth sought details in regards to the Annual Report in a section entitled "Re-introduction of Civil Unions Bill" (p.16) and wanted to know why this re-introduction of the Civil Unions Bill warranted its own section? Whilst I provided an answer, the Clerk has provided the following additional information:

Civil unions were a catalyst for significant procedural history in the Legislative Assembly. Members of the Committee will recall that in June 2006 the Governor-General, acting on advice of the Commonwealth Government, disallowed the Civil Unions Act 2006 pursuant to subsection 35 (2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*. The Assembly then passed a resolution that the Speaker present an Address to the Governor-General, the first time the Assembly had taken such action in relation to a piece of legislation. This was reported on page 5 of the *2006-2007 Annual Report* of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

The issue of the Civil Unions legislation also featured in the *2007-2008 Annual Report* (page 10) where it was reported that the Assembly had passed the Civil Partnerships Bill. The entry in the Annual Report also indicated that the government of the day would amend its legislation after the Commonwealth Attorney-General had publicly indicated that it would disallow the law if it passed the Assembly in its current form.

The entry in the most recent Annual Report was a continuation of this history. On 1 November 2011 the federal parliament passed amendments to the Self-Government Act which removed the ability of the Governor-General to amend ACT laws. This was a significant alteration to the ACTs constitution, and thus considered worthy of note in the Assembly's Annual Report.

The Annual Report Directions (which OLA is not bound to follow but attempts wherever possible to do so) sets out that the purpose of Annual Reports is to promote accountability in the public sector by, amongst other things;

- A key part of the historical record of government and public administration decisions, actions and outcomes;
- A source of information and reference about the performance of agencies and service providers.

The inclusion of the information on constitutional changes is a significant part of the historical record of the Legislative Assembly and a source of reference for those who follow procedural aspects of the Assembly's operation and activities. On reflection the heading should more reflect the constitutional change rather than the policy issues which were a catalyst for change.

Mr Smyth sought details of the review of the Latimer House principles (p. 15) and wanted to know the cost and what were the recommendations and have the recommendations been actioned? The answer to the member's question is as follows:

The cost of the review undertaken by the University of Canberra was initially \$23,200. However, this did not include GST and when the invoice was received from the University of Canberra it included GST which brought the cost up to \$25,520. As this is above the procurement threshold (of \$25,000), an erratum to the Annual Report is being prepared to correct the list of reportable contracts, and the contract is being notified on the Procurement Register.

The review made several observations and recommendations. The recommendations were for the Assembly or the Executive to undertake some action. Very few of the recommendations were for the then Legislative Assembly Secretariat to take action. The recommendations are listed below:

1. The Committee system of the Legislative Assembly needs to be reviewed to reflect a larger Assembly, and to improve overall performance.
2. Greater use should be made of the Committee system for the consideration of legislation.
3. There is benefit in reflection on whether the name of the Legislative Assembly continues to be (sic) the most appropriate given the distinctive city-state character of ACT. One option is the National Capital Legislative Assembly which implies the civic side and more directly reflects the city and the state and the special status of Canberra within the nation.
4. A key Latimer Principle, that the Legislature should have the power to determine and approve its budget, is not applied in the ACT. This question should be reviewed once the ACT system of government as a whole acquires independent authority over its governance, and agreement is reached on a larger Assembly.
5. The resources of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, including the size of its membership, need to be strengthened.

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6. It is recommended that the Judiciary consider some form of public report (not a formal accountability instrument) which is designed as a medium for public communication to the ACT community and which might include reviews of cases and issues dealt with.
7. A parliamentary committee should review the budgets for selected statutory office holders focused on oversight. The Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure is the appropriate committee in the first instance.
8. The Auditor-General and the Ombudsman should become Officers of the Parliament.
9. A parliamentary select committee, in conjunction with other relevant oversight agencies should appropriately craft the elements of an integrity system and recommend how oversight and integrity will be enhanced.
10. The Legislative Assembly needs to have its numbers substantially increased as soon as possible. The actual size and electoral arrangements should be the subject of an independent investigation that includes the Electoral Commissioner, with a major emphasis being governance capacity.
11. A ministry of only 5 confounds the basic tenets of effective cabinet government, and raises questions about whether the ACT should continue to operate this system without an increase in its size.

Speaker



Member for
Ginninderra

Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

30 April 2013

Mr Zed Seselja MLA
Chair
Public Accounts Committee
ACT Legislative Assembly

Dear Mr Seselja

Zed.



Inquiry into 2011-12 Annual and Financial Report

Office of the Legislative Assembly

Thank you for your letter of 23 April containing supplementary questions relating to the Office of the Legislative Assembly. Attached are responses to the questions.

I wish to reiterate the point I make in the preamble to my answers. Requiring the Speaker to obtain and disclose detailed and specific information concerning any non-executive member's use of DOA, in my opinion, sets an undesirable precedent. It would not be appropriate for any Speaker to answer questions of the sort posed by the Committee about any non-executive member's DOA. In this instance I am answering these questions because they relate to my own use of DOA. I want to place on the record that I will take a very different approach should similar questions arise about another member's DOA.

Yours sincerely

Vicki Dunne
Vicki Dunne MLA

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
Inquiry into 2011-12 Annual and Financial Report
Office of the Legislative Assembly
Supplementary Question on Notice

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PAC 1

Regarding Mrs Dunne's \$2000 Discretionary Office Allowance claim from 19 July 2012 for "Preparation of report *The regulation of gifts and donations under the Electoral Act 1992*"

Preamble:

While respecting the Committee's right to scrutinise the activities of the Office of the Legislative Assembly, requiring the Speaker to obtain and disclose detailed and specific information concerning any non-executive member's use of DOA during past or present Assemblies would, in my opinion, set an undesirable precedent. It would not be appropriate for a Speaker to answer questions of the sort posed by the Committee about any non-executive member's DOA as it must be assumed that members from all parties represented in the Assembly seeking to make an expenditure under DOA does so in good faith and that the advice provided by the Assembly secretariat as to the eligibility of a claim made against the DOA is accurate. This is complicated by the fact that person who was the Speaker who oversaw the compilation of the 2011-12 Annual Report and who was responsible for the administration of DOA in July 2012 (outside the reporting period) is no longer the Speaker.

However as the current Speaker and the non-executive member who made the DOA claim are the same people the following answers are supplied. Answering these questions is not a precedent.

Was a DOA claim form submitted for this purchase?

Every non-executive member has access to a large-format stamp with the heading: **Claim for Payment/reimbursement from DOA**. This was stamped on the invoice and signed. By signing the stamp members certify that the expenses are being claimed in accordance with the guidelines.

Please provide a copy of this form.

Every non-executive member has access to the same stamp. A copy of the stamp is included below:

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Claim for payment/Reimbursement from DOA

Please pay/reimburse the attached claim from my Discretionary Office Allowance (DOA) for goods/services provided to me

I certify that the expense being claimed is in accordance with the guidelines on the use of Discretionary Office Allowance and in particular is not for campaign, party political or private purposes.

Members Signature:Date:/...../.....

Who prepared the report?

A private contractor with considerable experience in the development of legislation and legislative interpretation.

What is the size and nature of the report?

The report is 25 pages in length and considers the effect of the changes to the *Electoral Act 1992* that passed the Legislative Assembly in May 2012 and proposed amendments to the new law contained in the *Electoral (Limit on Gifts) Amendment Bill 2012* tabled by Meredith Hunter in the Legislative Assembly during June 2012.

Does the report relate to the preparation of a private members bill?

No.

Please specify how this report is considered to attract legal and professional privilege?

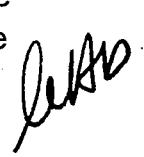
The report contains advice from a contractor, with experience in the development of legislation and legislative interpretation, sought by me for the sole purpose of coming to a better understanding of the changes to the *Electoral Act 1992* as passed in May 2012 and their interaction with the proposed amendments to the new law contained in the *Electoral (Limit on Gifts) Amendment Bill 2012*. Such advice is, by common law and practice, privileged communications.

What advice has been provided in this regard and by whom? Please provide a copy of this advice.

No advice was sought.

What safeguards are there to ensure that the report was not for political purposes and that it complied with the DOA guidelines?

Advice was sought from the Office of the Legislative Assembly, before the report was commissioned, about whether or not it was appropriate



to use DOA for such a purpose; the claim was certified to be in accordance with the guidelines. The payment of the claim by the Office of the Legislative Assembly indicates that it complies with the guidelines.

Please provide an electronic copy of the report
The report is privileged communications.

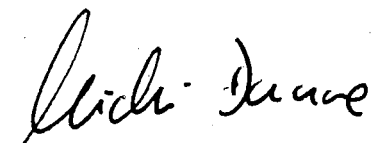
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Regarding the 10th February 2013 religious ceremony held by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Please advise which community organisations received invitations to the service

Please specify which organisations or individuals received printed or emailed invitations from the Speaker's Office or the Secretariat

All invitations for the Service of prayer and worship to mark the opening of the 2013 parliamentary year of the Legislative Assembly for the ACT at St Paul's Anglican Church in Manuka were sent out by staff of the Speaker's Office some by email, some by post. The staff member who sent out the bulk of the invitations has now moved interstate. I do not have access to his email records to provide an complete list of invitees nor an accurate break down of those who received invitations by email and those by mail. Also invitees were encouraged in some cases to pass on the invitation.



Vicki Dunne MLA
Speaker
30 April 2013