



**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**

PETER CAIN: To ask the Attorney-General--

Ref: Output 1.4 Public Prosecutions, Budget Statements D, p. 19

In relation to:

1. Regarding output 1.4 public prosecutions, the average cost per matter finalised (indicator 'a', Budget Statements D, 2021-22, p. 19) was a lot lower than the target for the 2020-21 financial year due to productivity gains.
  - a. Are you working on finding other productivity gains to keep the average cost per matter down?
  - b. In budget papers for the past seven financial years, your cost per matter finalised has been provided as an estimated amount, or not provided at all (see aggregate table below).
    - i. Please provide the actual average cost per matter for the last seven financial years.

***Average cost per matter finalised, from Budget Statements D, 2015-16 to 2021-22***

Year	Target	Actual
2014-15	\$2,632	\$2,632*
2015-16	\$2,632	\$2,632*
2016-17	\$2,632	\$2,800*
2017-18	\$2,800	\$2,800*
2018-19	\$2,800	\$3,132*
2019-20	\$3,000	no data
2020-21	\$3,000	\$2,581
2021-22	\$3,000	

***\*Estimated***

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

- 1a) Early technology driven productivity measures such as the automatic electronic exchange of data between our CASES system, the AFP PROMIS and Courts ICMS systems has significantly reduced labour-intensive data entry. These resources have been channelled into the legal stream and have kept operating costs down, with a drop in the average cost per matter from previous years.

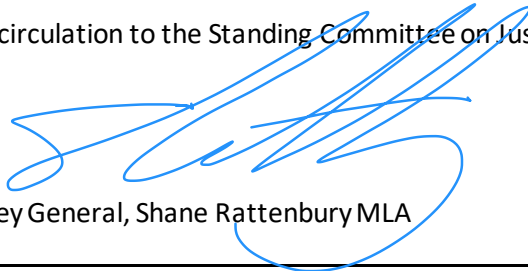
This work continues with the introduction of electronic bench sheets already completed and work currently underway to explore the electronic tender of key documents in the Magistrates Court, paving the way for a transition to a completely paperless office over the coming years.

1b) The actual average cost per matter finalised for the past seven financial years is as follows:

Year	Target	Actual
2014-15	\$2,632	\$2,538
2015-16	\$2,632	\$2,744
2016-17	\$2,632	\$2,731
2017-18	\$2,800	\$2,983
2018-19	\$2,800	\$3,133
2019-20	\$3,000	\$2,792
2020-21	\$3,000	\$2,581

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

Signature:



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By the Attorney General, Shane Rattenbury MLA