



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: ACT Integrity Commissioner

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In relation to: Spending on legal fees

Hearing Date: Friday, 25 July 2024

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Answer Due Date: Thursday, 1 August 2024

**MS LEE:** Yes. Where is the funding for your legal costs associated with this legal proceedings?

**Mr Adams:** It comes out of my budget.

**MS LEE:** This comes out of your operational budget?

**Mr Adams:** Precisely.

**MS LEE:** Okay. Do you have an update in relation to how much has been spent so far on legals? Have you got a breakdown of that?

**Mr Adams:** Can I take that question on notice?

**MS LEE:** Yes.

ACT Integrity Commissioner: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Commission has been invoiced \$94,101.95 by legal counsel engaged to defend it in litigation proceedings relating to its investigations. The total value of invoices received to defend each investigation are detailed below:

<b>Investigation</b>	<b>Invoices Received</b>	<b>Cost Status</b>
Kingfisher	\$14,439.95	Ongoing
Luna	\$80,662.00	Ongoing
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,101.95</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

The Commission anticipates incurring further costs to finalise proceedings related to these investigations.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025



Signature:

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

By the ACT Integrity Commissioner, Michael Adams KC