



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Peter Cain MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021  
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
23 February 2022

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on 23 February 2022: Mr Brett Monger took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**MR BRADDOCK:** I am interested in the quantity of support that volunteers and pro bono services provide towards the Legal Aid Commission. Do you have any sort of figures on just how many volunteer hours or the value that that support is and how much it contributes to your operations?

**Mr Monger:** Yes. If you do not mind, I will just refer to the papers. I think we have got about 13 volunteers at any one time. That is some coming on every now and again, and some for a week, others for a bit longer. If you bear with me. The value of volunteers was \$77,000, on page 82 of our annual report. The value that we have attributed to the cost of the volunteers is \$77,000.

**MR BRADDOCK:** Does that include the pro bono services provided as well?

**Mr Monger:** The volunteer services are free of charge. The pro bono by external legal solicitors, no, it does not.

**MR BRADDOCK:** Is there any figure for the pro bono, as to how much legal aid is basically being donated by the legal firms around town?

**Mr Monger:** I do not have that, I am sorry. I can take that question on notice.

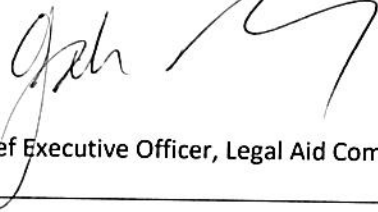
Dr John Boersig, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid Commission (ACT):

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

Legal Aid ACT refers matters to the Law Society and the Bar Association Pro Bono schemes. We are not able to provide a figure of the number of hours of pro bono work undertaken by private lawyers in the ACT.

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

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By the Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid Commission, Dr John Boersig