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

Asked by Mr Cain on 18 July 2023: The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Anthony Williamson SC, took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: External legal advice and external legal representation

MR CAIN: Thank you. So are you able then, and you may take this on notice, how much did you spend on external legal advice in 22-23.

Mr Williamson: The precise figure, sir, I would have to take on notice.

MR CAIN: And on briefing legal representation in the same period 22-23.

Mr Williamson: The precise figure I would have to take on notice, sir.

Mr Williamson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Over the course of the 2022 – 2023 reporting period, the ODPP briefed a total of three (3) external legal counsel for representation in seven (7) separate matters. The total combined cost of engaging external counsel within the reporting period was \$100,642.59. This included the travel and accommodation costs relating to interstate counsel.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature: 

Date: 24/07/23

Name and position: Anthony Williamson SC, A/g Director of Public Prosecutions