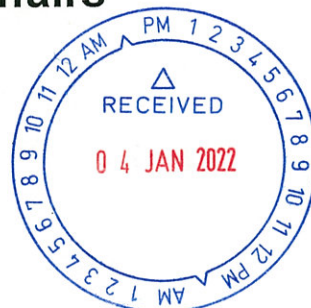




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Hon Peter Collier MLC
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Dear Chair

2021-22 Budget estimates – The President of the Legislative Council of Western Australia v Corruption and Crime Commission of Western Australia

Thank you for your letter dated 2 December 2021, concerning two related pieces of Supreme Court litigation being CIV 2717 of 2019 *President of the Legislative Council of Western Australia v Corruption and Crime Commission and Ors*, and Supreme Court litigation CIV 2716 of 2019 *Attorney General of Western Australia v President of the Legislative Council of Western Australia and Anor*.

In your letter, you acknowledge my earlier response indicating that it is not possible for the State Solicitor's Office to identify the time spent separately on each matter. You advise that the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations is now seeking "the combined recorded hours and associated spending by the Office on those matters".

The answer to that question is set out below.

Answer

The total combined hours recorded by the State Solicitor's Office on Supreme Court CIV 2716 of 2019 and CIV 2717 of 2019 is as follows:

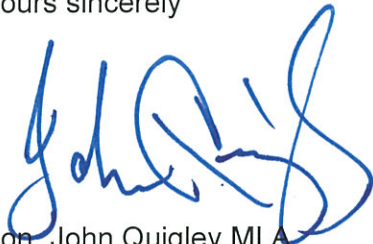
Financial Year	Total Hours
2019/2020	784
2020/2021	438
2021/2022 year to date (as at 9 December 2021)	19
Total	1241

The total combined expenditure on Supreme Court CIV 2716 of 2019 and CIV 2717 of 2019 is as follows:

Financial Year	Item	Cost
2019/2020	Court fees in CIV 2716 of 2019	\$1,450.20
	Costs of joint private facilitated settlement conferences (for both matters CIV 2716 of 2019 and CIV 2717 of 2019), including the Attorney General's 1/3 share of cost of private facilitator	\$10,565.00
	Total	\$12,015.20

Please note that the Solicitor-General was senior counsel for the Attorney General in relation to both of these matters. The above total hours do not include the total hours spent by the Solicitor-General.

Yours sincerely



Hon. John Quigley MLA

ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR ELECTORAL AFFAIRS

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