

Consolidated Statement of Expenditure 2020–21

(subsection 94(b) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* report)

Division 2 of Part 5 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (the Regulations) establishes a scheme for the Commonwealth to provide financial assistance to Ministers involved in proceedings or in responding to a subpoena received by them that occurs in the performance of their ministerial duties or conduct arising from occupying the office of Minister.

In accordance with paragraph 94(b) of the Regulations, I advise Parliament of the following approved expenditure under Division 2 of Part 5 of the Regulations in the financial year ending 30 June 2021. Expenditure totals are rounded the nearest dollar.

In the table below, where assistance has been provided to a current Minister, but in relation to a previous Ministerial responsibility, they are noted as the ‘then Minister’. Where assistance has been provided and the person is no longer a Minister, they are referred to as ‘former Minister’.

Matter	Expenditure (GST exclusive)
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, former Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – legal assistance approved on 28 March 2013 in relation to claims for compensation in relation to the suspension of the livestock export trade to Indonesia.	\$95,500
The Hon Peter Dutton MP, then Minister for Home Affairs – legal assistance approved on 11 July 2019 in relation to proceedings commenced in the High Court of Australia on behalf of current and former transferees in Nauru.	\$392
The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister – legal assistance approved on 11 July 2019 in relation to proceedings commenced in the High Court of Australia on behalf of current and former transferees in Nauru.	\$392
The Hon Tony Burke MP, former Minister for Immigration and Border Security – legal assistance approved on 23 July 2019 in relation to proceedings commenced in the High Court of Australia on behalf of current and former transferees in Nauru.	\$345
The Hon Peter Dutton MP, then Minister for Home Affairs – legal assistance approved on 17 January 2020 in relation to a complaint made by an immigration detainee.	\$2,056
The Hon Christian Porter MP, then Attorney-General – legal assistance approved on 5 February 2020 in relation to a subpoena to give evidence issued by the ACT Supreme Court in connection with the matter of <i>R v McBride</i> .	\$1,372
The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister – legal assistance approved on 22 June 2020 in relation to a claim made against him in the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal.	\$6,935

The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister – legal assistance approved on 30 June 2020 in relation to a defamation claim made against him raised on 9 June 2020.	\$13,195
The Hon Alan Tudge MP, then Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure – legal assistance approved on 22 October 2020 in relation to legal assistance to assist in an inquiry in an application dated 20 October 2020.	\$1,595
Total expenditure in 2020–21:	\$121,782

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