

Consolidated Statement of Expenditure 2019-20

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

(made under the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*)

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 in proceedings or 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 2020. 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 Joe 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.	\$3,641
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, then Minister for Employment - legal assistance approved on 1 June 2018 for the costs of legal representation in responding to two subpoenas issued on 28 May 2018 and other costs related to providing a response to the subpoenas.	\$104,339
The Hon David Littleproud, then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources – legal assistance approved on 22 August 2018 in relation to costs of legal representation in relation to proceedings and other costs related to proceedings, and any damages or costs awarded against him.	\$9,970
The Hon Minister Keenan, former Minister for Department of Human Services - legal assistance approved on 15 November 2018 in relation to costs of legal representation in responding to a subpoena issued on 15 October 2018 and other costs related to providing a response in a proceeding before the District Court of Western Australia.	\$8,424
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, then Minister for Jobs and Small Business - legal assistance approved on 26 February 2019 for the costs of legal representation in relation to proceedings, and other costs related to proceedings, namely any court hearing concerning an inquiry into whether legal professional privilege had been waived over relevant documents, in connection with the Federal Court of Australia matter of Australian Workers' Union v the Registered Organisations Commissioner.	\$14,748

The Hon Christian Porter MP, Attorney-General - legal assistance approved on 14 November 2019 for costs of legal representation and other costs related to proceedings, damages or costs awarded in these proceedings, and a reasonable amount payable in settlement of the proceedings in relation to defamation claims by the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia and related parties.	\$6,000
The Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Home Affairs - legal assistance approved 17 January 2020 for costs of legal representation in relation to proceedings and other costs related to proceedings in association with a complaint made by an immigration detainee.	\$7,713
The Hon Stephen Smith, former Defence Minister - legal assistance approved on 5 February 2020 , for costs of legal representation in responding to a subpoena and other costs related to providing a response to a subpoena to give evidence issued by the ACT Supreme Court in Connection with the matter of <i>R v McBride</i> .	\$339
The Hon Scott Morrison MP – legal assistance approved 12 February 2020 to meet the costs of legal representation in relation to proceedings and other costs related to proceedings, damages or costs awarded against him and a reasonable amount payable by him in the settlement of proceedings associated with responding to a claim.	\$10,823
Total expenditure in 2019-20:	\$165,997

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