Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: CGC Question: BET 448-451 Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution Reference: written - 17 June 2015 Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

- 448. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
- 449. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
 - a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
 - b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
 - c) When the contract with the firm commenced.
 - d) When the contract with the firm will expire.
 - e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
 - f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.
- 450. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
- 451. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
 - a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
 - b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
 - c) When the contract with the firm commenced.
 - d) When the contract with the firm will expire.
 - e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
 - f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.

Answer:

- 448. By internal staff following policy guidelines.
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