

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Administration

November Estimates Hearings 2003-04 – 4 November 2003

Question: 3A

**Outcome 3 Efficiently Functioning Parliament, Output 3.1 Services to Senators,
Members and their Staff**

Topic: Legal Assistance to Ministers

Hansard Page: F&PA 96

Senator Faulkner asked:

Can the Department indicate how many Ministers have made applications under Part 3 of the Parliamentary Entitlement Regulations since January 2002 for the payment of their legal costs.

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department has advised that eight applications were received during the period 1 January 2002 and 4 November 2003.

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Hansard Page: F&PA 96

Senator Faulkner asked:

Are you able to say how many have been approved?

Answer:

The Attorney-General's Department has advised that during the period 1 January 2002 to 4 November 2003 nine applications were approved including three applications which were received prior to 1 January 2002. One application was still pending as at 4 November 2003 and one application did not proceed.

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Are you able to say how much this has cost?

Answer:

As at 4 November 2003 the Department of Finance and Administration has made payments totalling \$19,114.23 in respect of the nine applications approved in the period 1 January 2002 to 4 November 2003.

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