

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Output 1.1**

**Question No. 16**

**Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:**

- (a) How many staff are currently employed in the Marriage Celebrant Section of AGD?
- (b) What was the cost of the Marriage Celebrant Section in (i) 2003-4; (ii) 2004-5; and 2005-6.
- (c) What is the anticipated cost of the Marriage Celebrant Section in (i) 2006-7; (ii) 2007-8; and (iii) 2008-9?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- (a) There are currently 10.65 full-time equivalent staff currently employed in the Marriage Celebrants Section of AGD.
- (b) (i) The direct employee costs for the Marriage Celebrants Section in 2003-4 were \$550,700 (these costs include salaries, superannuation, and accruals for annual and long-service leave);  
(ii) the direct employee costs for the Marriage Celebrants Section in 2004-5 were \$812,400;  
(iii) the direct employee costs for the Marriage Celebrants Section in 2005-6 were \$726,400.
- (c) (i) The anticipated direct employee costs for the Marriage Celebrants Section in 2006-7 are \$842,200.  
(ii) and (iii) The direct employee costs for the Marriage Celebrants Section in 2007-8 and 2008-9 are estimated at \$762,600 each year in 2006-2007 dollar terms.