

Question on the legal costs, to date, of the appeal that the Government has launched against the recent court decision concerning Mr Clarke's dismissal. Your answer states that:

"... This estimate does not include the administrative costs relating to the work of the officers in the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination in relation to the appeal. The estimate does not include legal costs not yet billed."

Senator Carr would like OIPC to determine those additional cost estimates, both the administrative and legal costs.

ANSWER:

The total estimate of external legal costs including the amounts already paid is \$60,000. It is not possible to identify administrative costs incurred specifically on this case.