

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC: DELWP

Question on Notice 1

Mr RIORDAN: I am glad it is clear for you, Minister, because you and many of your colleagues have forgotten a lot of what has gone on and who made what decision, so you can understand the confusion. But look, I will move on. My question is to the Secretary now, in the time we have left. Secretary, what has been the total legal cost paid with the DELWP legal representation during the Coate inquiry?

The total cost incurred for DELWP's legal representation during the coronavirus (COVID-19) Hotel Quarantine Inquiry is \$899,300.25 (incl GST).

DEWLP's insurer has confirmed it will meet these costs (less approximately \$7,000) pursuant to DELWP's existing insurance arrangements.

Question on Notice 2

Mr RIORDAN: Right. And on notice again too, I guess, Secretary, can you please provide a breakdown— when you provide this on notice—of the expenditure DELWP has incurred related to COVID, including any advertising or any other expenditure, such as entertainment or others that you may have had to incur through the pandemic.

Expenditure related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response cannot readily be separated in every case from other costs where the pandemic impacted on existing service delivery. There have been various ways that DELWP has been involved in Government's COVID-19 response, which includes the utilisation of existing resources, administering financial support to portfolio entities, and delivering new programs to drive government's response to the pandemic, such as Working for Victoria, the energy affordability framework and implementing the Building Works stimulus package.