

1. The total amount spent by the ABC in relation to defamation actions:

In the period 1 July 2023 to 16 December 2024, the ABC spent \$3.3m in relation to defamation proceedings.

Note: The ABC spent money in relation to eight (8) litigated defamation matters that had commenced prior to this period, as well as the six (6) new matters commenced during that period, totalling \$3.3m.

This figure does not take into account money that may have been recovered by the ABC.

2. The total number of defamation actions brought against the ABC:

In the period 1 July 2023 to 16 December 2024:

Six (6) defamation proceedings were commenced against the ABC.