From: <u>Fife-Yeomans, Janet</u>

To: Nick Leys

Subject: Re: re the legal costs of the ABC

Date: Monday, 26 July 2021 12:46:58 PM

Thanks Janet

On Mon, 26 Jul 2021 at 12:45, Nick Leys < Leys. Nick@abc.net.au > wrote:

Hi Janet,

Leave it with me.

Nick

From: Fife-Yeomans, Janet S 47F Sent: Monday, 26 July 2021 11:05 AM To: Nick Leys < Leys. Nick@abc.net.au > Subject: re the legal costs of the ABC

Morning Nick,

We have received some figures from Pamela Longstaff re how much the ABC spends on lawyers although she rejected other details we requested under FOI laws.

This is what she said the ABC legal dept cost:

Financial Year \$000s

2017/18 6,110

2018/19 6,348

2019/20 6,810

2020/21 7,093

The annual expenditures for barristers and solicitors across ABC Legal functions were as

follows:
Year \$000s
2017/18 1,207
2018/19 1,489
2019/20 901
2020/21 2,595
I do understand that not all of this was spent on defending defamation cases etc but can we have a comment on why the ABC spends so much on lawyers while claiming it needs more money?
I have sought to clarify if the \$780,000 Christian Porter amount was included in the 2020/2021 expenditure but I have not heard back from Ms Longstaff.
Our deadline is 3pm today
Thanks
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