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

Subject: RE: re the legal costs of the ABC

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## Statement coming....

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** 

Janet

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