



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

22 June, 2026

Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC
Chair
Legislative Council Committee B
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Dear Ms Armitage

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2026

DIVISION 10 – DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

Please find attached the following responses to questions raised in the examination of the Premier portfolio.

Q1. Please provide a list of all ministerial requests for legal assistance made in compliance with policy and *Guidelines for the Grant of Indemnities and Legal Assistance to Public Officers of the State of Tasmania* in 2024-25 and 2025-26 to date, including the names, dates and amounts requested. (MW)

The amounts invoiced per financial year for Ministers are listed below. The timing of invoices does not always align with the period during which the services were performed or when they were paid.

2024-2025 financial year

- Barnett (\$20,000)
- Howlett (\$786)
- Ogilvie (\$33,053)
- Street (\$3,220)

2025-2026 financial year

- Barnett (\$6,750)
- Howlett (\$238,351)
- Ogilvie (\$71,790)

Q3. The guidelines set out that in granting legal assistance a limit can be placed on how much taxpayer support can be provided to a public officer – has any limit been placed on expenditure on Ms Ogilvie's legal costs? (MW)

Yes - \$120,000.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier