

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Sub Program 1.1.1**

**Question No. 50**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:**

Provide the total cost to date for the Family Court's Violence Review conducted by Mr Richard Chisholm. Provide relevant details as to the support Mr Chisholm has had whilst conducting the Review.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Review commenced on 27 July 2009. At 19 October 2009, costs for the review were \$126,315.13, comprised of:

- \$43,725.00 (GST exclusive) invoiced for the hours worked by Professor Chisholm. The total costs for hours worked is capped at \$71,280.00 (GST exclusive).
- \$82,590.13 (GST inclusive) incurred for costs relating to travel expenses, legal advice, administration and research support.

Professor Richard Chisholm has been provided research and administrative support from the Attorney-General's Department. A Senior Legal Officer (Executive Level 1) and an APS 3 administrative assistant have been assigned to the review on a full-time basis. The costs of the research and administrative support have been included in the costs of the review.