

Defence Portfolio

INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.)

Senator Lidia Thorpe asked the Department of Defence the following question, upon notice, on 5 September 2025:

Senator Thorpe: Does that include the litigation that Defence had to pay in Wreck Bay for destruction of cultural—

Ms Perkins: No, class action settlements and legal fees are a separate number. Five class actions and around 400 other legal claims have been settled. We can certainly take that on notice, for the dollar value of settled legal claims

Defence provides the following answer:

As at 12 September 2025, Defence has paid the following sums in relation to settled litigated and non-litigated PFAS claims:

- Total settlement value for class actions is \$367,200,000.
- Total settlement value for other litigated claims is \$6,865,500.
- Total settlement value for non-litigated claims is \$34,766,950.

