

Question on notice no. 3985

Senator Rex Patrick: asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 10 August 2021—

1. In relation to proceeding that culminated in the decision '*Patrick and Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Freedom of information) [2020] AATA 4964*':
 - a. when the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) were engaged in relation to this matter, what were their initial costs estimates for dealing with the matter;
 - b. what is the total amount invoiced by the AGS to date for the matter, including invoices associated with the initial decision, the Information Commissioner review through to conclusion of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal matter; and
 - c. please indicate if the matter is finalised (i.e. the last expected invoice has been provided) .
2. In relation to proceeding that culminated in the decision '*Patrick and Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Freedom of Information) [2021] AATA 2719*':
 - a. when the Australian Government Solicitor were engaged in relation to this matter, what were their initial costs estimates for dealing with the matter;
 - b. what is the total amount invoiced by the AGS to date for the matter, including invoices associated with the initial decision, the Information Commissioner review through to conclusion of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal matter; and
 - c. please indicate if the matter is finalised (i.e. the last expected invoice has been provided) .