

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Attorney General's Department

Program:

Question No. BE17-004

Senator Macdonald asked the following question on 24 May 2017:

CHAIR: Could I advise my colleague that royal commissions are at 1.9. It might be better leaving it until that time rather than dealing with it in 'general and corporate'.

Mr Moraitis: I have the figures. The Northern Territory royal commission has been estimated to cost about \$57 million. The royal commission into the abuse of children has gone for several years now and it is in the hundreds of millions, if not up to \$500 million. I will be able to give you a precise figure during the interval.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The estimated expenditure to the end of the current term of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is \$401.148m. This does not include estimated expenditure in the Department of Social Services related to the Commission.

The estimated expenditure to the end of the current term of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, relating to the Attorney-General's Department, is \$51.612m. This does not include estimated expenditure in the Department of Social Services related to the Commission.