

Responses to Questions on Notice

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Ordinary Meeting of Council



Mark Arnold
General Manager

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Question with Notice No. 1 **Legal Costs**
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At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 2020, John Anderson asked the following question which was taken on notice:

How much has Council paid out in legal costs for the last 5 years and how much of that figure is for day-to-day background advice sought by the General Manager and the Mayor from external lawyers retained by Council?

Response General Manager:

In the financial years 2015/2016 to 2019/2020 Council expended a total of \$2,002,206.69 in legal costs.

Council does not maintain a register of the legal costs of individual advices. Since 2015 the bulk of advices sought by, or on behalf of, the Mayor and/or the General Manager have been provided by Council's in-house Legal Services Team.