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Australian Government Solicitor

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations engaged the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) to provide legal services in his litigation matters involving Mr Damien Matcham.

The total cost (broken down by matter and by financial year) for these AGS' legal services is set out in **Attachment A**.

Seconded AGS officers

In addition, two Canberra based AGS lawyers were seconded to ORIC between April and June 2012. They mainly worked on Mr Matcham's NSD908/2012 matter. ORIC paid AGS \$ 112,895.04 (incl GST) for the services of the seconded officers.

Counsel

AGS briefed Ms J Gleeson, then of Counsel, in Federal Court proceedings NSD 119/2012 and NSD 908/2012. Counsel's fees are included but not separately identified in the disbursement column in **Attachment A**. Ms Gleeson was paid \$ 68,553.75 (incl GST) being: \$4,332 (incl GST) in 2011-12; \$37,397.25 (incl GST) in 2012-13; and \$26,824.50 (incl GST) in 2013-14.

Legal expenditure for civil proceedings by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations against Mr Damien Matcham

Case / matter	FY	Professional fees	Disbursements	GST	Total
Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations v Damien Matcham & Anor (NSD 119/2012)					
	2011-12	\$ 20,520.00	\$ 5,109.20	\$ 2,562.98	\$ 28,192.78
	2012-13	\$ 380.00	-	\$ 38.00	\$ 418.00
	TOTAL	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 5,109.80	\$ 2,600.98	\$ 28,610.78
Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations v Damien Matcham (NSD 908/2012)					
	2012-13	\$ 113,359.00	\$ 46,221.58	\$ 15,958.05	\$ 175,538.63
	2013-14	\$ 65,976.63	\$ 50,836.29	\$ 10,951.29	\$ 127,764.21
	2014-15	-	\$ 22.08	\$ 2.21	\$ 24.29
	TOTAL	\$ 179,335.63	\$ 97,079.95	\$ 26,911.55	\$ 303,327.13
Damien Matcham v Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations (NSD 212/2014)					
	2013-14	\$ 4,203.50	\$ 307.84	\$ 451.13	\$ 4,962.47
	2014-15	\$ 671.10	\$ 186.00	\$ 85.71	\$ 942.81
	TOTAL	\$ 4,874.60	\$ 493.84	\$ 536.84	\$ 5,905.28
Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations v Damien Matcham (Bankruptcy notice 171385 and SYG 1989/2014)					
	2014-15	\$ 6,369.80	\$ 655.83	\$ 668.07	\$ 7,693.70
	TOTAL	\$ 6,369.80	\$ 655.83	\$ 668.07	\$ 7,693.70
	TOTAL	\$ 211,480.03	\$ 103,339.42	\$ 30,717.44	\$ 345,536.89