

Question on notice no. 91

Portfolio question number: SBE24-066

Supplementary budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Attorney-General's Portfolio

Senator David Shoebridge: asked the Federal Court of Australia on 14 November 2024—

(1. From 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, what has been the total expenditure of the CourtPath programme (expenditure includes, but is not limited only to, all capital and labour costs) ?

Please also provide a break down of the total expenditure of the CourtPath programme from

1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024 by financial year (i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24) .

2. From 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, what has been the total expenditure on all labour (i.e.

salaries/wages, leave entitlements, superannuation entitlements, fringe benefits, labour

through labour hire agreements etc.) in respect of the CourtPath programme? Please also

provide a break down of the total labour expenditure in respect of the CourtPath programme

from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024 by financial year (i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and

2023-24) .

3. From 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, what has been the total expenditure on all non-APS

labour (i.e. salaries/wages, leave entitlements, superannuation entitlements, fringe benefits

etc. of contractors and other labourer from outside the Australian Public Service) in respect

of the CourtPath programme? Please also provide a break down of the total non-APS labour

expenditure in respect of the CourtPath programme from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024 by

financial year (i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24) .

4. Is it the case that public service employees from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal were

"seconded" to the Federal Court of Australia to assist with the CourtPath programme, and, if

so, how many people were seconded?

5. From the budget of which entity will any public service employees seconded to the Federal Court of Australia be paid?

6. What has been the total expenditure on all seconded labourers from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (i.e. salaries/wages, leave entitlements, superannuation entitlements, fringe benefits etc.) in respect of the CourtPath programme?

7. Please provide a list of:

(a) all contract notices in respect of the CourtPath programme, by contract notice reference, published on AusTender for contracts entered into from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024; and

(b) all approaches to market from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, by approach to market ID, published on AusTender in respect of approaches to market for the CourtPath programme.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-2025

PA-Federal Court of Australia

SBE24-066 - CourtPath

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1. From 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, what has been the total expenditure of the CourtPath programme (expenditure includes, but is not limited only to, all capital and labour costs)? Please also provide a break down of the total expenditure of the CourtPath programme from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024 by financial year (i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24).
2. From 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, what has been the total expenditure on all labour (i.e. salaries/wages, leave entitlements, superannuation entitlements, fringe benefits, labour through labour hire agreements etc.) in respect of the CourtPath programme? Please also provide a break down of the total labour expenditure in respect of the CourtPath programme from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024 by financial year (i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24).
3. From 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, what has been the total expenditure on all non-APS labour (i.e. salaries/wages, leave entitlements, superannuation entitlements, fringe benefits etc. of contractors and other labourer from outside the Australian Public Service) in respect of the CourtPath programme? Please also provide a break down of the total non-APS labour expenditure in respect of the CourtPath programme from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024 by financial year (i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24).
4. Is it the case that public service employees from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal were “seconded” to the Federal Court of Australia to assist with the CourtPath programme, and, if so, how many people were seconded?
5. From the budget of which entity will any public service employees seconded to the Federal Court of Australia be paid?
6. What has been the total expenditure on all seconded labourers from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (i.e. salaries/wages, leave entitlements, superannuation entitlements, fringe benefits etc.) in respect of the CourtPath programme?
7. Please provide a list of:
 - a) all contract notices in respect of the CourtPath programme, by contract notice reference, published on AusTender for contracts entered into from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024; and
 - b) all approaches to market from 1 July 2020 till 30 June 2024, by approach to market ID, published on AusTender in respect of approaches to market for the CourtPath programme.

The response to the senator's question is as follows:

The Digital Court Program is delivering end-to-end transformation of digital case management through electronic, online court files across the Federal Court of Australia, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2).

CourtPath is a central pillar of the Digital Court Program. It is being progressively delivered, with the system already successfully rolled out to all judges, registrars and court staff. It includes uplift of systems, data management and supporting processes.

1. As part of the Digital Court Program, the design and build of the CourtPath application commenced in July 2021. As of 30 June 2024, expenditure for the Digital Court Program totalled to \$7,533,775 (including capital and operational expenditure). A breakdown of costs per financial year for all Digital Court Program activity follows.

FY	Capex	Opex	Total
2021–22	780,188	606,717	1,386,905
2022–23	2,474,640	492,400	2,967,040
2023–24	2,869,956	309,874	3,179,830
Total	6,124,784	1,408,991	7,533,775

2. Labour expenditure for the Digital Court Program (including the CourtPath application) over the life of the program to 30 June 2024 is as follows:

FY	Capex	Opex	Total
2021–22	780,188	561,999	1,342,187
2022–23	2,448,270	459,626	2,907,896
2023–24	2,759,917	216,389	2,976,306

3. Expenditure on non-APS labour provided specialist capabilities which supplemented an otherwise wholly in-house development. Non-APS labour expenditure for the Digital Court Program (including the CourtPath application) over the life of the program to 30 June 2024 is as follows:

FY	Capex	Opex	Total
2021–22	206,236	0	206,236
2022–23	234,620	0	234,620
2023–24	17,160	0	17,160

4. No public service employees from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (now the Administrative Review Tribunal) were seconded to the Federal Court of Australia in relation to CourtPath.

5. No public service employees from any agency have been seconded to the Federal Court of Australia in relation to CourtPath.

6. See the answer to question 4, above.

7(a) A list of contract notices follows.

Contract ID	Provider
CN3798828-A1	Dialog Information Technology
CN3828898	Fyshh

7 (b) No approaches to market have been published on AusTender. A list of approaches to market, published on BuyICT, follows.

RFQ ID	Provider
DM-08341	Dialog Information Technology
DM-12403	Fyshh