

**Reply 18138 (2020) has been answered**

**Portfolio:** Speaker of the House

**Question:** What is the total amount of public funds spent on the matter of the Speaker's media comments in May 2019 that resulted in the public apology by the Speaker on 8 December 2020 for the "distress and humiliation" caused?

**Reply:** \$333,641.70 of which \$158,000 was paid in total settlement of the legal claim and \$171,000 was paid in legal fees to Dentons Kensington Swan and \$4641.70 to Crown Law for advice to the former Deputy Speaker.

[18138 \(2020\)](#)

**Reply 18143 (2020) has been answered**

**Portfolio:** Speaker of the House

**Question:** Was any payment made, using public funds, for damages incurred by the Parliamentary staffer affected by the Speaker's media comments in May 2019 and in relation to which the Speaker publicised an apology on 8 December 2020 for the "distress and humiliation" caused; if so, of what amount?

**Reply:** No. The individual will be paid \$158,000 as a lump sum ex-gratia payment.

[18143 \(2020\)](#)

**Reply 18144 (2020) has been answered**

**Portfolio:** Speaker of the House

**Question:** Was any payment made, using public funds, for lost income incurred by the Parliamentary staffer affected by the Speaker's media comments in May 2019 and in relation to which the Speaker publicised an apology on 8 December 2020 for the "distress and humiliation" caused; if so, of what amount?

**Reply:** No. The individual will be paid \$158,000 as a lump sum ex-gratia payment.

[18144 \(2020\)](#)

**Reply 18147 (2020) has been answered**

**Portfolio:** Speaker of the House

**Question:** Was any payment made, using public funds, for reimbursement of legal fees incurred by the Parliamentary staffer affected by the Speaker's media comments in May 2019 and in relation to which the Speaker publicised an apology on 8 December 2020 for the "distress and humiliation" caused; if so, of what amount?

**Reply:** No. There was no breakdown as to reimbursement of legal fees.

[18147 \(2020\)](#)