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Request details:

"I've heard DVA has a DVA Royal Commission Legal Team of about 25 people working in DVA's General Counsel Division.

There is interest in the community as to what the purpose of this DVA Royal Commission Legal Team is, what it does, what law firms have seconded their staff to it, and how much this is all costing the taxpayer.

I seek copy of the following documents (it is likely to be easier for DVA to do as a table rather than provide copy of the source documents as it will mean a lot less work for DVA in redaction/consideration):

** the cost of all contractors employed within the DVA Royal Commission Legal Team, broken down by law firm/personnel agency seconded from (with number of contractors from that law firm/personnel agency) - cost may be at fortnightly, monthly, or yearly basis as suits DVA*

** the cost of all APS staff employed within the DVA Royal Commission Legal Team, broken down by classification - cost may be at fortnightly, monthly, or yearly basis as suits DVA*

** copy of any position/duty statement for the positions within the DVA Royal Commission Legal Team*

** any other document directly relevant to what the purpose of this DVA Royal Commission Legal Team is, what it does, what law firms have seconded their staff to it, and how much this is all costing the taxpayer, that DVA reasonably believes gives such context"*

Decision date: 24 January 2022

Entity	Full Contract Value	From	To	Number of Contractors from [each] law firm/ personnel agency
MCINNES WILSON LAWYERS	\$ 142,560.00	1/07/2021	31/12/2021	s 47 FOI Act - Trade secrets/commercially valuable information
HAYS SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT (AUST) P/L	\$ 216,900.00	2/08/2021	1/08/2022	
AUS GOV SOLICITOR	\$ 498,520.00	13/12/2021	12/12/2022	
SYNERGY GROUP AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	\$ 314,160.00	1/11/2021	30/06/2022	
MINTER ELLISON LAWYERS	\$ 1,650,000.00	1/09/2021	31/01/2022	