

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 9 5 September 2025 Question No. 582

**Mr Thomas Emerson MLA:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. How many personal injury claim notification forms have been lodged with the ACT Government each year for the last five financial years.
2. How many of the forms referred to in part (1) pertained to footpath-related injuries each year for the last five financial years.
3. How much has the ACT Government spent in total on legal representation pertaining to footpath-related injury claims, whether internally through the ACT Government Solicitor or through external legal representation, in each financial year for the last five financial years.
4. How does the total cost of legal representation pertaining to footpath-related injury claims in the 2024-25 financial year compare to the ACT Government's total expenditure on legal services in the 2024-25 financial year.
5. Is any cost recovery provided to the Government Solicitor by City Services or by any other part of government for this work; if so, how much has been provided in each financial year for the last five financial years.
6. Are any Government Solicitor staff outposted to City Services for representation related to personal injury claims; if so, how many and at what cost.

**TARA CHEYNE MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Personal Injury Claim Notifications (PICNS) are generally received directly by ACT Government Solicitor (ACTGS) or referred to the ACTGS by directorates or agencies. Data on PICNS for 2020-21 was not consistently captured and therefore the ACTGS is only able to accurately provide the total number of PICNS received over the last four financial years.

Financial Year	Number of PICNS Received
2021-22	146
2022-23	177
2023-24	185
2024-25	208

2. The ACTGS is unable to disaggregate the number of PICNS that pertain to footpath related injuries without manually reviewing each individual form. However, the ACT Insurance Authority (ACTIA) has advised that the number of footpath related injury claims for the last five financial years are as follows:

Financial Year	Number of Claims
2020-21	13
2021-22	8
2022-23	16
2023-24	14
2024-25	25

3. In relation to footpath related injury claims which were covered by the Territory's insurance arrangements, ACTIA has advised that the legal expenses which relate to all footpath related injury claims over the last five financial years have been:

Financial Year	Legal Expenses
2020-21	\$180,024.80
2021-22	\$334,838.86
2022-23	\$242,150.47
2023-24	\$346,640.58
2024-25	\$642,079.93

It should be noted that personal injury claims may take several years to resolve and therefore legal expenditure in relation to a particular claim may be incurred over a number of years.

4. The legal expenses in 2024-25 as indicated above were approximately 1.2% of the total Government's expenditure for legal services.
5. The ACT Government Solicitor's professional fees associated with personal injury claims are cost recovered from the ACT Insurance Authority under the Territory's insurance arrangements and have been provided in response to question 4.
6. Legal services in relation to personal injury claims are provided by the ACT Government Solicitor directly, and outplaced lawyers to City Services do not generally provide legal assistance in relation to such claims.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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