

**ATTACHMENT A: PAEC 2015–16 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING  
PREMIER'S PORTFOLIO – 8 MAY 2015**

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT  
THE HEARINGS**

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**PREMIER**

Q1. *Please indicate the cost of consultant advice, financial advice and legal advice for the entire period of the East-West Link negotiations (before, during and any tailing costs), including the specific quantum of payments to Mr John Wylie and Mr Leon Zwier.*

*(Pages 16-17 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**RESPONSE:**

**As at the billing period immediately preceding the Premier's appearance at PAEC on 8 May 2015, costs of \$980,000.82 inclusive of GST had been incurred for the East-West Link negotiations on consultant, financial and legal advice, including \$106,150 inclusive of GST for Mr Zwier's services. No costs had been incurred for Mr Wylie as at that date.**

Q2. *Please outline the total redundancy cost and total legal costs of the public servants who have been sacked or resigned since the change of government, such as the following:*

*'the board of Ambulance Victoria, the CEO of the Linking Melbourne Authority, the board of the Linking Melbourne Authority, the chief health officer of the Department of Health, the CEO of the CFA, the CEO of WorkSafe, the chairperson of WorkSafe, the CEO of Parks Victoria, the board of Greyhound Racing Victoria, the chairperson of the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, the boards of 10 catchment management authorities, the board of the Victorian Catchment Management Council, the boards of all government water boards, the chairperson of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, the chairperson of PTV, the chairperson of the Melbourne Planning Authority, the chairperson of the Women's Correctional Services Advisory Committee and the chair of the adult parole board'*

*(Pages 22-23 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**RESPONSE:**

**Board members are not employees under the *Public Administration Act 2004* and are not subject to the Commonwealth Fair Work regime. Governor in Council generally appoints board members and the removal of board members is determined by the appointment instrument. Under the instruments of appointment members are not entitled to payments upon resignation. As such, no payments were made to any board members as a result of their departure.**

**To ensure the injection of fresh ideas on boards, regular turnover of members is an important consideration. It is balanced against other considerations such as the need for continuity and the need to retain a proportion of members with experience.**

**It is inappropriate to comment on individual resignations and terminations due to privacy and confidentiality restrictions.**

Q3. *Please indicate how much has been paid to board members of the Linking Melbourne Authority since the abolition of the authority.*

*(Page 32 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**RESPONSE:**

The six board members were paid a total of \$101,573.82 for the period commencing on the date of the Acting Minister for Roads' announcement that the Linking Melbourne Authority would be disbanded (7 January 2015) and ending on the date of the Premier's appearance at PAEC (8 May 2015).