

## Statement from the Mayor re: Costs of conduct hearings

There seems to be a number of different figures in the public realm regarding the costs of the hearings into conduct. I would like to take this opportunity to put the definitive figures on the record.

Two Councillor Conduct panels were convened as well as the VCAT appeal. The costs for these three were as follows:

Panel 1			\$27,884
	Panel and legal costs	\$14,496	
	Accommodation and incidentals	\$469	
	Administrative support	\$12,919	
Panel 2			\$11,000
	Panel costs	\$7,773	
	Accommodation	\$336	
	Administrative support	\$2,891	
VCAT			\$6,846
	Panel Chair costs	\$1671	
	Incidentals	\$672	
	Administration support	\$4,503	
TOTAL			\$45,730

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