

# NSW Government Legal Services Panel Annual Report

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# 1 Executive Summary

This is the third annual report in relation to the current NSW Government Legal Services Panel **(NSWLSP)**. The NSWLSP was originally established in 2016, and then replaced by the current panel in 2021. The current NSWLSP was established following a thorough, competitive, procurement process on 1 July 2021.

The NSWLSP is made up of 53 small, medium and large panel firms across 30 distinct areas of specialty. It is pleasing to report that the NSWLSP was used by 184 agencies in FY23/24, including NSW Government Departments, agencies, local councils and universities, an increase from 180 agencies in FY22/23.

The NSWLSP provides excellent value for those agencies and contributes toward the NSW Government's targets for savings in external legal spend through:

- 1. **Improved legal panel rate savings –** These were competitively sourced in 2021 and are only increased every three years by reference to changes in CPI. These are significantly better than market rates.
- 2. **Volume discount savings –** Where firms exceed thresholds for legal spend that are cumulative across the life of the panel they are required to apply volume discounts to their fees.
- 3. **Value-added services** Firms are required to provide value added services, including advice, hot-desks, updates, training, precedent documents, use of research facilities, implementation of technological improvements and industrywide productivity gains.
- 4. Streamlining of legal procurement

These benefits were evident from the increased number of agencies using the NSWLSP.

It is also pleasing to report that despite increased usage, there was a reduction in overall billings under the NSWLSP. However, because of the breadth of agencies using the panel, the overall billings do not reflect savings achieved by individual agencies.

Individual agencies are responsible for their legal expenditure, and for achieving savings targets and value for money through use of the NSWLSP. Finally, the billings reported in this Annual Report are based on data sourced from panel firms, and may not correspond to the expenditure reported by agencies due to timing issues and accounting practices.

In addition to achieving value for money and savings, the NSWLSP seeks to improve social outcomes within NSW by an increased focus on these issues through reporting. Panel firms are expected to comply with NSW Government Policies and demonstrate their commitment by reporting on the following social outcome policies:

- Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Procurement
- Sustainability
- Australian Disability Enterprises
- Aboriginal Procurement; and
- Equitable Briefings

Panel law firms are also required to report on pro bono initiatives. It is pleasing to note the improvements in these areas outlined in this annual report.

On behalf of the General Counsel Group, I am pleased to report on the continued success of the NSWLSP in helping NSW Government agencies deliver outcomes for the people of NSW.

**David Britton** 

Chief Legal Officer, Transport for NSW and Executive Contract Manager,

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#### **Billings**

- Total legal panel billings for the year were \$185m (with 184 agencies using the Panel).
- The Transport Portfolio (\$70.9m) is responsible for the majority of billings, followed by Communities and Justice Portfolio (\$23.6m) and Health (\$22.4m) Portfolio.
- The sub-panels with the highest proportion of billings were Planning, Property and Environmental Law (\$52.7m), followed by Construction (\$43.2m) and Commerical (\$33.7m).
- The top three legal firms in each sub-panel based on the proportion of Panel billings were:
  - Sub Panel 1: Construction: Ashurst Australia, King & Wood Mallesons and Thomson Geer
  - o Sub Panel 2: Commercial: Clayton Utz, Norton Rose Fulbright and Maddocks
  - Sub Panel 3: Planning, Property and Environmental Law: Clayton Utz, Ashurst Australia and Norton Rose Fulbright
  - Sub Panel 4: Employment, Work Health and Safety: Lander & Rogers, Ashurst Australia and Bartier Perry.
  - Sub Panel 5: Government, Regulatory and Administrative Law: Crown Solicitor's Office, Maddocks and Clayton Utz
  - Sub Panel 6: Litigation and Inquiries: Clayton Utz, Crown Solicitor's Office and Maddocks
  - o Sub Panel 7: Legal Support Services: Law in Order, Minter Ellison and Hicksons

#### Pro bono services

Pro Bono, which translates to 'for the public good', means the provision of legal services on a free or significantly reduced fee basis to members of our community who would not otherwise be able to access justice. Panel law firms are required to report each year on how they are performing against the National Pro Bono Target of at least 35 hours per lawyer. The provision of pro bono services by Panel members is an important focus for the General Counsel Group.

During the year, Panel firms provided an average of 38 hours of pro bono services per lawyer, equating to 602,043 hours of pro bono services. This data compares favourably to the previous Panel data and represents, an increase of 1.22 hours over last year's average of 36.78 hours of pro bono services per lawyer.

#### **Equitable Briefing of Women Barristers**

The Attorney General and Government are committed to supporting the progression and retention of women barristers who are engaged by agencies and across the legal profession more broadly. All Government sector agencies that brief counsel are required to comply with the Equitable Briefing Policy for Women Barristers<sup>1</sup> and make all reasonable efforts to:

- brief or select women senior barristers accounting for at least 20% of all briefs and/or 20% of the value of all brief fees paid to senior barristers; and
- brief or select women junior barristers accounting for at least 30% of all briefs and/or 30% of the value of all brief fees paid to junior barristers.

#### **Billings**

Indirect briefings<sup>2</sup> to counsel by Panel law firms during the year generated \$13.2m in fees, comprising \$3.4m (26%) of briefings to female counsel and \$9.8m (74%) of briefings to male counsel. This is a 6% decrease in billings to female counsel compared to FY22/23.

#### **Briefings**

Based on the information provided by Panel law firms for indirect briefings and comparing the current number of barristers practising within NSW<sup>3</sup> to the number of indirect counsel briefings by Panel firms, female senior counsel represented 8% of all senior counsel and 19% of all senior counsel briefings and female junior counsel represented 14% of all junior counsel and 33% of all junior counsel briefings<sup>4</sup>.

The table below shows a breakdown of % of Indirect Counsel Briefings by Seniority and Gender.

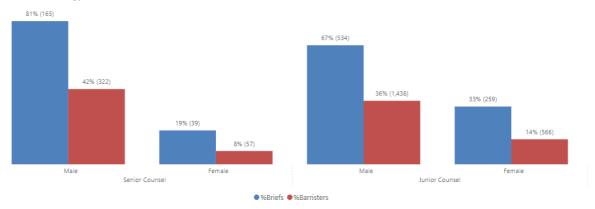
<sup>1</sup> NSW Equitable Briefing Policy

<sup>2</sup> Indirect briefings include Panel & Off-Panel counsel briefings by panel firms only. This data was provided by provided firms and confirmed as accurate.

<sup>3</sup> NSW Bar Association Annual Report 2022-2023

<sup>4</sup> Briefing information is based on the information provided by Panel firms for indirect briefings and does not include the direct briefing practices of NSW Government Agencies

Table 1: Legal Counsel Indirect Briefings (%) compared to NSW Barristers (%) FY23/24



#### Satisfaction survey results

A satisfaction survey on Panel performance was conducted during the year across Government, resulting in an average satisfaction score of 81. This is an increase of 1% compared to the previous year's results.

#### **Social Outcome Overview**

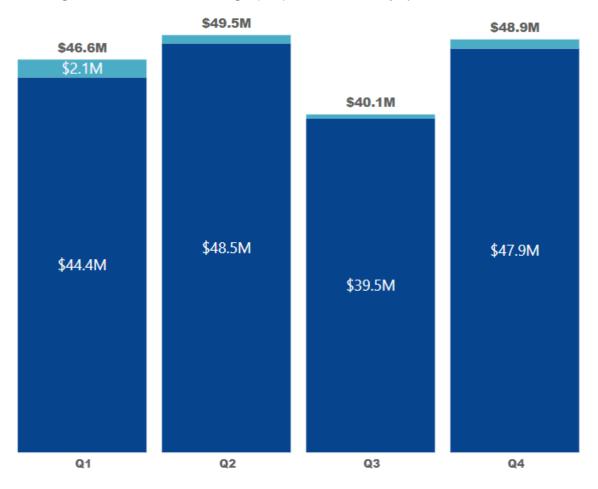
A range of social outcome requirements was introduced as a part of the NSW Government Legal Services Panel tender refresh process. These goals are supported by a range of procurement policies that Government agencies and their suppliers are to meet on an ongoing basis. These policies are:

- Aboriginal Procurement Policy aims for 3% of the number of contracts and 1% of addressable spend to go to Aboriginal businesses and to support Aboriginal Employment opportunities
- Australian Disability Enterprises Policy aims to support ADEs and employees with Disabilities
- Small and Medium Enterprises and Rural/Regional Business Policy aims to award opportunities for SMEs and Rural and Regional firms to participate in large contracts, to increase public spending with SMEs and Rural and Regional Businesses and improve the capability within these firms
- **Sustainability Policy** aims to drive resource efficiency and to minimise the environmental impact of operations.

# 2 Total Legal Panel Billings

The total legal Panel billings for FY23/24 were \$185.0m ex GST, compared to \$195.4m in the prior financial year.

Figure 1: Total Panel Billings (\$m) for FY23/24 by quarter



Panel Type ● Panel ● Previous Panel

# 3 Legal Panel Billings by Sub Panel

During FY23/24, legal matters in the Property and Environmental Law subpanel represented \$52.7m, followed by Construction (\$43.2m), Commercial (\$33.7m), Litigation and Inquiries (\$23.1m), Employment, Work Health and Safety (\$18.4m), Government, Regulatory and Administrative Law (\$12.4m), and Legal Support Services (\$1.5m).

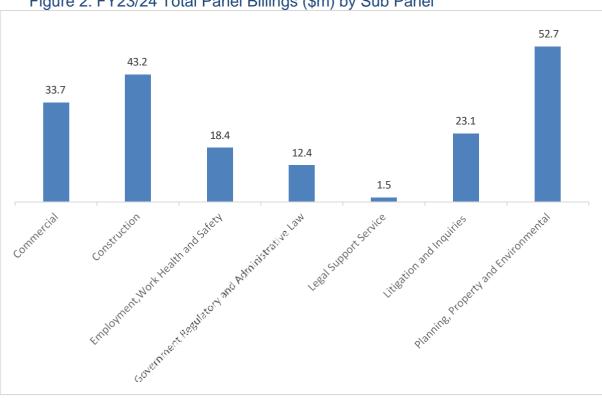


Figure 2: FY23/24 Total Panel Billings (\$m) by Sub Panel

# 4 Legal Panel Billings by Portfolio

The Transport Portfolio (\$70.9m) procured the majority of legal Panel billings during FY23/24, followed by Communities and Justice (\$23.6m), Health (\$22.4m), Treasury (\$11.9m), Education (\$11.9m), Planning and Environment (\$10.8m), Climate Change, Energy and the Environment (7.2m), Regional NSW (\$7.0m), Other Eligible Agencies (\$6.6m), Jobs & Tourism (\$5.7m), Customer Service (\$4.5m), Planning (\$2.2m) and Premier & Cabinet (\$0.8m). Note: Due to Machinery of Government changes, the Planning and Environment Portfolio split into two Portfolios on 01/01/2024, viz, Planning Portfolio and Climate Change, Energy and the Environment Portfolio. This reporting is reflective of that change.

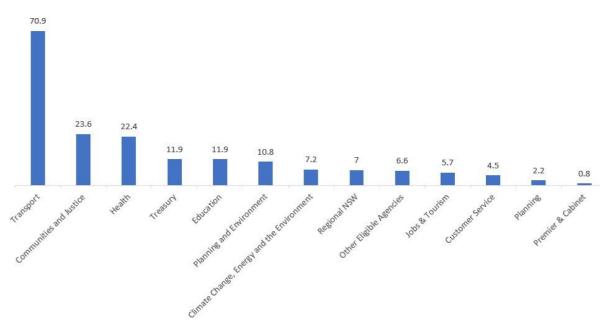
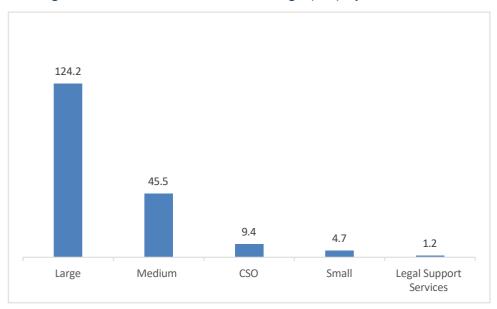


Figure 3: FY23/24 Total Panel Billings (\$m) by Portfolio

# 5 Legal Panel Billings by Firm Size

During FY23/24 Panel Billings for large law firms represented \$124.2m (67.1%), followed by medium-sized law firms with \$45.5m (24.6%), Crown Solicitor's Office with \$9.4m (5.1%), small law firms \$4.7m (2.5%) and Legal Support Services with \$1.2m (0.6%).

Figure 4: FY23/24 Total Panel Billings (\$m) by Firm Size



# 6 Top Ten Firms by Sub Panel – Legal Billings

#### **6.1 Construction**

Figure 5: Top Ten Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings (Sub Panel 1 – Construction)

#### Construction

#### Rank Law Firm Name

- 1 Ashurst Australia
- 2 King & Wood Mallesons
- 3 Thomson Geer
- 4 Herbert Smith Freehills
- 5 Minter Ellison
- 6 Clayton Utz
- 7 HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- 8 Norton Rose Fulbright
- 9 Allens
- 10 Allen & Overy

#### 6.2 Commercial

Figure 6: Top Ten Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings (Sub Panel 2 – Commercial)

#### Commercial

#### Rank Law Firm Name

- 1 Clayton Utz
- 2 Norton Rose Fulbright
- 3 Maddocks
- 4 Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- 5 Hicksons
- 6 HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- 7 Gilbert + Tobin
- 8 Allens
- 9 Minter Ellison
- 10 Ashurst Australia

#### 6.3 Planning, Property and Environmental

Figure 7: Top Ten Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings (Sub Panel 3 – Planning, Property and Environmental)

Planning, Property and Environmental

# Rank Law Firm Name 1 Clayton Utz 2 Ashurst Australia 3 Norton Rose Fulbright 4 Maddocks 5 Corrs Chambers Westgarth 6 Herbert Smith Freehills 7 Bartier Perry 8 HWL Ebsworth Lawyers 9 Minter Ellison 10 Bick & Steele

#### 6.4 Employment, Work Health and Safety

Figure 8: Top Ten Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings (Sub Panel 4 – Employment, Work Health and Safety)

Employment, Work Health and Safety



#### 6.5 Government, Regulatory and Administrative Law

Figure 8: Top Ten Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings

# (Sub Panel 5 – Government, Regulatory and Administrative Law Government Regulatory and Administrative Law

Rank	Law Firm Name
1	Crown Solicitor's Office
2	Maddocks
3	Clayton Utz
4	Norton Rose Fulbright
5	McCullough Robertson
6	Sparke Helmore
7	Lindsay Taylor Lawyers
8	Makinson d'Apice Lawyers
9	Gilbert + Tobin
10	Hunt & Hunt Lawyers

#### 6.6 Litigation and Inquiries

Figure 10: Top Ten Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings (Sub Panel 6 – Litigation and Inquiries)

Litigation and Inquiries



#### 6.7 Legal Support Services

Figure 11: Top Five Law Firms based on Total Panel Billings

#### (Sub Panel 7 – Legal Support Services) Legal Support Services

#### Rank Law Firm Name

- 1 Law In Order
- 2 Minter Ellison
- 3 Hicksons
- 4 Herbert Smith Freehills
- 5 Ashurst Australia

#### 7 Pro Bono

Under the NSW Government Legal Services Panel Deed, mid-size to large-size law firms undertake to use their best endeavours to meet the National Pro Bono Target of 35 hours of pro bono work per lawyer per year. The NSW Government Legal Services Panel is pleased to acknowledge the contribution of Panel law firms in providing pro bono legal services within the community. During FY23/24, Panel firms provided an average of 38.00 hours of pro bono services per lawyer, equating to 602,043 hours of pro bono services<sup>5</sup>. A total of 35 firms indicated that they were a signatory to the National Pro Bono target, with 23 firms exceeding this target during FY23/24.

Figure 12: Pro Bono Hours Per Lawyer by Firm and Financial Year 23/24

Law Firm Name	Pro Bono Hours per Lawyer
Harmers	178.00
Fielding Robinson	100.05
Smythe Wozniak Lawyers	66.67
Clayton Utz	61.75
Minter Ellison	58.80
Norton Rose Fulbright	56.61
Allens	54.30
Bartier Perry	52.14
Gilbert + Tobin	50.00
Herbert Smith Freehills	47.79
Lander & Rogers	47.04
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	45.90
Ashurst Australia	44.56
Maddocks	44.27
King & Wood Mallesons	44.10
Colin Biggers & Paisley	43.49
Kingston Reid	41.58
Sparke Helmore	40.14
Christine Lithgow & Associa	tes 40.00
Hall & Wilcox	38.24
Holding Redlich	37.91
Mills Oakley	37.34
Baker & McKenzie	35.37
Gadens	35.29

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 5}}$  Some NSWLSP panel firms indicated they were unable to provide pro bono reporting as:

They are a non-law firm: or

They are specialists in an area of law and act for defendants only, and any potential pro bono recipients would-be applicants, and likely to represent a conflict

Makinson d'Apice Lawyers	35.07
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	35.05
Bick & Steele	35.00
Chalk & Behrendt	29.02
McCullough Robertson	28.43
Bird & Bird	27.38
Moray & Agnew	27.10
Hunt & Hunt Lawyers	26.88
EY	25.00
White & Case	23.20
Stacks Champion	20.00
Allen & Overy	18.37
Thomson Geer	16.03
Hicksons	12.88
McCabes	5.57
Addisons	5.48
Piper Alderman	1.73
Rankin Ellison Lawyers	1.14
Keypoint	0.37
Lindsay Taylor Lawyers	0.34

#### **8 Counsel Briefed**

The NSW Government recognises the need for equity in briefing practices. Government agencies are required to consider female barristers when Panel firms are indirectly briefing barristers on their behalf and ensure an equitable distribution of work to both male and female barristers.

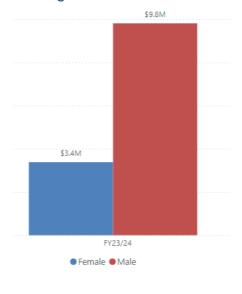
The Equitable Briefing Policy<sup>6</sup> is designed to promote opportunities for women at the Bar. It is founded on equity principles. Under the Policy, when Government agencies engage barristers or advocates, they are to take reasonable endeavours to:

- a. Identify female counsel in the relevant practice area
- b. Genuinely consider engaging female counsel
- c. Monitor and review the engagement of female counsel
- d. Report annually on the nature and rate of female counsel engaged

#### **Counsel Billings**

The value of all briefs by Panel firms to counsel (indirect briefings) during FY23/24 was \$13.2m, comprising \$9.8m (74%) of briefings to male counsel and \$3.4m (26%) of briefings to female counsel. The percentage of billing value to female counsel has decreased by 6% from last year's 32%.

Figure 13: Indirect Counsel Briefings by Panel Firms (\$m) by Gender FY 23/24

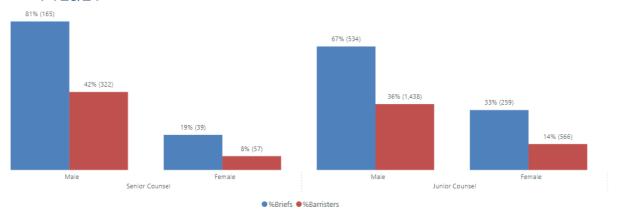


<sup>6</sup> NSW Equitable Briefing Policy

#### **Counsel Briefings**

When comparing the number and gender of barristers in NSW<sup>7</sup> to the number of indirect counsel briefings by Panel firms during FY23/24, 8% of senior counsel are women receiving 19% of all senior counsel briefings. 14% of junior counsel are women, receiving 33% of all junior counsel briefings<sup>8</sup>

Figure 14: Legal Counsel Indirect Briefings (%) compared to NSW Barristers (%) FY23/24



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> NSW Bar Association Annual Report 2022-23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Briefing information is based on the information provided by Panel firms for indirect briefings and does not include the direct briefing practices of NSW Government

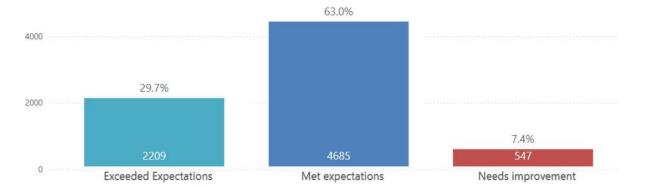
# 9 Satisfaction Survey

A satisfaction survey on Panel performance was conducted during the reporting year across Government, resulting in an average satisfaction score of 81%. Further,

- 2,209 responses indicated 37 firms exceeded expectations (29.7%)
- 4,685 responses indicated 41 firms met expectations (63.0%); and
- 547 responses indicated 30 firms needed improvement (7.4%).

Feedback collected through the satisfaction survey is provided to Panel firms to highlight opportunities for improvement and acknowledge areas where performance has exceeded expectations.

Figure 15: FY23/24 Overall Satisfaction Score



#### 10 Social Outcomes

FY23/24 was the third year in which social outcomes reports were received from NSW Government Legal Services panel firms and reported on by Transport for NSW, as lead agency managing the Panel. It is anticipated that more firms will report year on year as they implement processes in their firm to capture the required data.

#### 10.1 Social Outcomes – Aboriginal Procurement Policy

The NSW Government Aboriginal Procurement Policy aims for 3% of the number of contracts and 1% of addressable spend to go to Aboriginal businesses<sup>9</sup> and to support Aboriginal Employment opportunities.

The NSW Government Legal Services Panel requires panel firms to report on their contribution to driving improved Aboriginal social outcomes.

Of the 43 responding firms (including the Crown Solicitor's Office) we are pleased to report the following:

#### **Aboriginal Employment**

Pleasingly, in FY23/24, panel firms reveal the employment of 73 Aboriginal lawyers and a further 60 Aboriginal staff in other roles.

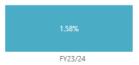
Figure 16: FY23/24 Aboriginal employment
No of Aboriginal Lawyers No of Aboriginal Non-Lawyers



#### **Spend with Aboriginal Businesses**

Of the 22 responding firms in FY23/24, an average of 1.58% was spent with Aboriginal businesses, resulting in 1.42 % below the required 3% target.

<sup>9</sup> A business that has at least 50% Aboriginal ownership and that is recognized through a Supply Nation or the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce (NSWICC)



#### Aboriginal targeted scholarships & pro bono work

Firms offered a combined total of \$353,000 of Aboriginal-targeted scholarships and 71 Aboriginal cadet positions. Firms also delivered a combined 96,891 hours of pro bono work for Aboriginal communities and organisations

#### **Current and Future Initiatives**

Across the panel firms, a large amount of work has been done to further Aboriginal outcomes and increase the level of support for Aboriginal procurement. The commitment from Panel firms to develop policies that strive to promote Aboriginal people and culture in the legal profession is recognised. Panel firms have reported on their initiatives in FY23/24 as follows:

- Targeted scholarships and work experience for Aboriginal students towards a University Degree in Law.
- Cadetship and Internship positions through Career Trackers A number of firms continue to be members of "Career Trackers" which is a national non-profit that works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young adults from university, linking them with employers for paid internships.
- Education and Cultural Competence of staff in firms Delivery of a range of formal and informal cultural awareness initiatives including:
  - Cultural competency training;
  - Webinars on proposed legislation to protect Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property and the implications of the misuse of ICIP; and
  - Internal education campaigns on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the lead up to the referendum.
- Professional development opportunities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people such as pre-employment training, progression within current role training, mentorship programs, and employment pathway programs.
- More employment opportunities for First Nations people through the development of secondment opportunities to First Nations organisations
- Partnering with Aboriginal organisations to implement recruitment strategies to attract and retain Aboriginal employees.

- Participation in the Jarun program, a not-for-profit organisation seeking to build mutual capacity and share knowledge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through placing secondees from corporate sponsors within Indigenous-led organisations in an number of regions around Australia.
- Professional relationships with Aboriginal organisations and individuals who
  require legal assistance, including pro Bono work across multiple areas of law
  including Employment, Tenancy, Credit/Debt, Intellectual Property and Cultural
  Property, Corporate Governance, Bankruptcy, Financial Abuse, Fines/Infringements,
  Wills/Estates, Consumer, Discrimination and other Public Interest matters.
- Community development through volunteer work, sponsorships and donations to Aboriginal community projects and charities including programs focused on business, education, sport and literacy.
- Aboriginal Procurement Policies and work with Supply Nation to identify
  Aboriginal businesses to increase procuring from Indigenous owned or run entities.
  Opportunities for Aboriginal suppliers included catering for firm events, corporate
  gifts, stationery and office supplies, cultural awareness training, promotional
  merchandise and apparel, photographers and new office fitout.
- **Updating pro bono policies** to improve and extend legal services to Aboriginal organisations and communities.
- **Support for Aboriginal artists** through purchasing artworks from local and emerging Aboriginal artists to display in offices.
- Long-term financial assistance to organisations that work to enhance educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students such as Clontarf Aboriginal College, the GO Foundation and Yalari. Financial assistance was provided to these organisations to dispurse the funding throughout their programs.
- Reconciliation Action Plan A number of panel firms have a Reconciliation Action Plan and have working groups to drive actions and deliverables.
- NAIDOC Week celebrations.

#### 10.2 Social Outcomes – Gender Diversity

During FY 23/24, 9,113 (59%) of all lawyers in panel firms were women. However, they represent only 1,290 (35%) of partners within these firms.

Internal promotions to partners were split as follows:

- Men accounted for 60% while women accounted for 40%.
- Men accounted for 62% of external hires to partners while women accounted for 38%.

Number of lawyers by gender

43%

40%

57%

60%

59%

FY21/22

FY22/23

Partner by gender

70%

66%

66%

59%

FY23/24

No of Female Lawyers

Partner by gender

70%

66%

55%

30%

FY21/22

FY22/23

FY23/24

No Female Partner

Promotion Partner by Gender

51%

50%

60%

40%

FY21/22

FY22/23

FY22/23

FY23/24

No Female Promotion

Recruitment Partner by Gender

66%

60%

60%

62%

34%

40%

58%

FY23/24

Figure 18: FY21/22- FY23/24 Social Outcome - Gender Diversity

# 10.3 Social Outcomes – Small, Medium Enterprises & Rural and Regional Policy

■ No Female Recruitment
■ No Male Recruitment

#### **SME**

Of the 53 panel firms, 40 firms procured from SMEs<sup>10</sup> in their procurement in FY23/24. There were 17,340 engagements with SMEs in FY23/24 resulting in an average of 25% of panel firm procurement spend with SMEs.

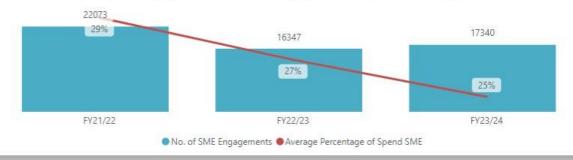
The total spend with SMEs was \$204.5m. The average of each SME engagement was \$11.8K.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  An Australian or New Zealand based enterprise with fewer than 200 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees

Figure 19: FY21/22 – FY23/24 Social Outcome - SME Number of Panel Firms purchasing with SMEs



#### Number of SME engagements and % average panel firm procurement spend with SMEs



#### Average spend per engagement and total spend with SMEs



#### **Rural and Regional Businesses**

Of the 53 panel firms, including the Crown Solicitor's Office, 28 firms procured from Rural and Regional<sup>11</sup> businesses in FY23/24. There were 1,318 engagements with Rural and Regional Businesses in FY23/24 resulting in an average of 2.0% of panel firm procurement spend with Rural and Regional businesses.

The total spend with Regional and Rural Businesses was \$4.2m. The average of each engagement was \$3.2K.

 $<sup>^{11}\,\</sup>mathrm{A}$  business of any size with a registered business address in Rural or Regional NSW

Figure 20: FY21/22 - FY23/24 Social Outcome – Rural and Regional Businesses Number of panel firms purchasing with R/R businesses 28 11 FY21/22 FY22/23 FY23/24 Purchased - RR Did Not Purchase - RR Number of R/R Engagements and % average panel firm procurement spend with R/R 1211 1075 4% 2% FY21/22 FY22/23 FY23/24 No. of RR Engagements Average Percentage of Spend RR Average spend per engagement and total spend with RRs \$4.8M \$4.2M \$3.9M \$3.2K \$3.2K FY21/22 FY22/23 FY23/24 ● Total Spend with RR ● Average Spend with RR

# Current and future initiatives

In FY23/24, panel firms have continued to implement a range of policies and practices targeted at increasing their spending with SMEs and Rural/Regional businesses.

There were some consistent policies across firms including preferential terms for suppliers around payments, screening and bidding opportunities, designated procurement policies, partnership with these firms/businesses, tailored legal workshops and publications for these firms/businesses.

Other initiatives that supported SMEs and Rural/Regional businesses during the year include:

- Provision of pro bono and discounted legal assistance for SMEs and/or Regional Businesses;
- Actively engaging in opportunities to support SMEs and regional businesses across all areas of business operations, including through their supply chain;
- Provision of consulting services to SMEs and Regional Businesses;

- Support for regional businesses during business travel, particularly in Far Western NSW, Tweed and Byron Shires and the South Coast;
- Sourcing various goods and services from Australian SMEs, including document destruction services, graphic design work, repairs and fitout work, local valuers for compulsory acquisition work, catering, supply of coffee machines, provided guest speakers with thank you gifts from local SME suppliers, printing of business cards and supply and maintenance of office plants;
- Advising SME corporate clients in relation to legal needs from initial set-up of their business, through to sale and transfer, directors' duties, employment issues, property, construction, intellectual property and mediation and dispute resolution.

#### 10.4 Social Outcomes – Australian Disability Enterprises Policy

36% of the 53 panel firms are members of the Australian Network on Disability (AND)<sup>12</sup> with 5.7% using ADEs procured through Buy Now.

In FY23/24, there were 40 engagements and \$88K spent with ADEs<sup>13</sup> with an average spend of \$2.2k per engagement.

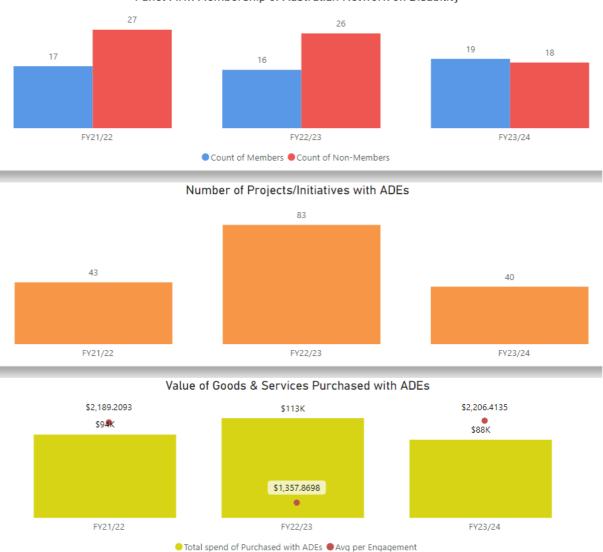
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 12}$  A national not-for-profit that helps organisations engage with people with disability

A not-for-profit organisation that employs people with disabilities. ADEs have the same working conditions as other employers, and they empower people living with disability to contribute to their communities

Figure 21: FY21/22 - FY23/24 Social Outcome — Australian disability
Panel Firm Membership of Australian Network on Disability



#### **Current and future initiatives**

Firms administer a range of disability-targeted policies to support staff and external businesses employing people identifying as having a disability. These policies and initiatives include:

- Employees hired through Job Support programs;
- Pro bono support eg work for Linc Community Transport Inc, a service that provides free transport to people with disability throughout large areas of Melbourne. This includes transporting people to and from work;
- Commitment to fostering an inclusive work environment by providing educational seminars, toolkits and resources to improve inclusivity in the firm's culture;

- Revamping the intranet to a create a platform that is user-friendly for all employees, including those with disabilities.
- Partnering with Australian Disability Network to participate in the Positive Action towards Career Engagement (PACE) mentoring program to provide opportunities for professional growth and development for individuals with disabilities;
- Weekly graduate secondment with Australian Centre for Disability Law;
- Providing advice on many legal issues to NDIS related and other disability organisations;
- Monthly legal clinic with the Australian Centre for Disability Law;
- Actively seeking to increase understanding of the offerings of ADEs, and match those where possible with the procurement needs of the firm;
- Establishment of Disability Steering Committees and Diversity Groups across panel firms;
- Donations to disability-related charities and internship programs that connects university students with disability to workplaces.
- Work experience opportunities with JobSupport and offering employment opportunities to those with a mild intellectual disability;
- Developed an inclusive work environment by providing educational seminars and resources to improve inclusivity of the firm's culture.

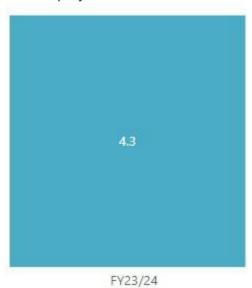
#### 10.5 Social Outcomes – Sustainability

In FY23/24, Panel firms reported a total of 37,291 tonnes of carbon emissions for a total of 8,634 employees in NSW with an average of 4.3 tonnes of carbon emissions per FTE employee, which sits lower than the 2021 Australia per capita emission of 13 tonnes carbon emissions (Our World Data).

Figure 22: FY23/24 Social Outcome - Total Carbon Emissions

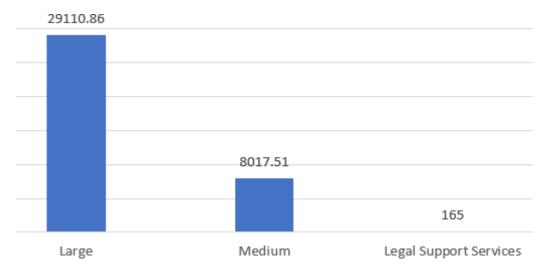


Figure 23: FY23/24 Social Outcome – Average Carbon Emissions Per FTE employee



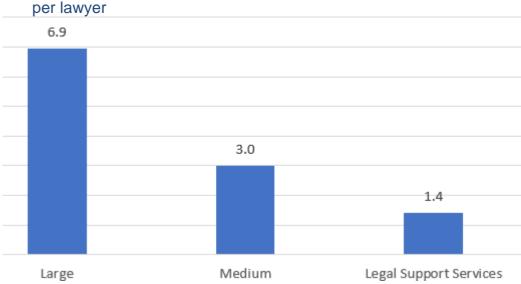
A breakdown of FY23/24 of total carbon emissions by firm size, and carbon emissions tonnes is provided below:

Figure 24: FY23/24 Social Outcome - Total Carbon Emissions (tonnes) by firm size



A breakdown of FY23/24 of average carbon emissions per lawyer by firm size and Co2 tonnes is provided below:

Figure 25: FY23/24 Social Outcome - Total Carbon Emissions (tonnes) by firm size



#### **Current and Future Initiatives**

Panel firms continue to integrate sustainability best practice into their decision making and operations and they understand the positive effect that adopting sustainable practices has in preserving our world. They recognise their responsibility in making a meaningful commitment to minimise the impact of its operations on the environment and to use the resources consumed.

Panel firms have implemented a range of sustainability practices, processes and initiatives into their business operations:

**Conscious Travel:** Emissions from travel can be significant. Panel firms have offered the following during FY23/24:

- End of trip facilities including secure bicycle storage, showers and changing rooms to encourage environmentally friendly transport to promote walking and cycling to work.
- For company travel and events, choosing airlines, hotels and conference centres that have clearly documented environmentally responsible practices, and booking hybrid vehicles for auto rentals whenever possible
- Having a virtual first preference for all client and firm activities, and investment in digital technologies to improve collaboration, encourage flexibility, and reduce business travel.
- Staff members encouraged to use public transport to travel to and from work.
- Implementation of office Opal cards to allow employees to travel to Court and visit clients using public transport rather than taxis or Uber ride share to travel to workrelated external venues.
- Work from home flexibility and policies to reduce emissions from travel.
- Running quarterly reports on travel emissions to raise awareness in the firm so that teams consider the impact of their business travel emissions.

#### Policies:

Panel firms have continued to develop policies as follows:

- Environmental Management including climate change and their approach to reducing their environmental footprint and how this aligns with the commitments in the NSW Government Sustainability Policy;
- Procurement policies which focuses on Sustainable procurement and ensuring that they meet Environment, Social and Governance obligations, including eliminating modern slavery in their supply chain.
- Paperless Office policies to reduce the use of paper to minimize environmental impact, improve efficiency, reduce printing and storage costs and enhance the accessibility of files.
- Flight offsets Policy

#### Governance:

While panel firms have implemented internal sustainability policies and reporting, and are committed to continually measuring their impact on the environment, 21 panel firms are members of Australian Legal Sector Alliance (AusLSA)<sup>14</sup>, an industry-led association working collaboratively to promote best practice sustainability commitments and performance across the legal sector.

#### **Green Star Carbon Neutral Certification and High NABERS**<sup>15</sup>**rating offices:**

<sup>14</sup> An industry-led association working collaboratively to promote best practice sustainability commitments and performance across the legal sector

<sup>15</sup> Simple, reliable sustainability rating for the built environment. Like the efficiency star ratings that you get on your fridge or washing machines.

NABERS provides a rating from on to six stars for buildings efficiency across: Energy, Water and Indoor Environment. This helps building owners to understand their building's performance versus other similar buildings, providing a benchmark for progress

Panel firms have continued to consider the energy rating of buildings and sustainability principles into their real estate strategy regarding new tenancy requirements and fitouts.

#### Renewable Energy:

Firms have shown their commitment to sustainability by signing agreements to procure renewable energy to power their offices/buildings.

#### **Reducing Energy Consumption:**

Firms have implemented a number of innovative energy saving technologies including:

- a review of all major electrical appliances to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency;
- computer monitors upgraded to energy efficient units;
- printers programmed to sleep mode;
- replacing office desk phones with Webex on laptops;
- water-efficient dishwashers;
- smart energy saving sensor lights;
- LED lighting;
- air conditioning units programmed to switch off earlier in the evening and on weekends to save energy; and
- office and floor plan layouts purposely designed to maximise the use of natural lighting so that offices have at least one window reducing the need for additional office lighting that would otherwise be necessary

#### Paper Consumption / Usage:

Firms continue their commitment to use less paper and are encouraging a "paperless" workplace.

Firms are using the following "paper lite" initiatives:

- digital platforms which permit the digital sharing of documents;
- document management systems for file management;
- e-briefing software;
- DocuSign;
- digital business cards;
- electronic subscriptions rather loose leaf hard copy services; and
- reducing the physical copies of textbooks that are available on line to reduce paper consumption.

Where documents must be printed, firms are procuring carbon-neutral paper for printers from suppliers who themselves have a focus on being environmentally sustainable. Firms are encouraging double-sided printing and Follow-Me printing where staff use their security passes to release printed documents.

#### **Waste Management Practices:**

Firms have implemented several recycling and waste management initiatives such as:

- reducing landfill waste and increasing recycling by implementing recycling stations for organic waste, paper, mixed recycling, landfill, mobile phones, laptops, batteries, CDs/DVDs, ink cartridges etc.
- signage for colour coded bins to avoid cross contamination;
- awareness raising campaigns to educate staff to dispose of waste in the correct stream to drive positive behaviour.
- Implementation of "paper" and "carbon emission" dashboards to evoke behavioural change among employees.
- removal of under desk bins to encourage recycling;
- partnering with IT supplier and charities to be able to recycle leased laptops and computers and provide lower socio-economic markets or underprivileged youth with essential technological resources;
- office committees to implement operational improvements to waste reduction, recycling and sustainable product use.
- · recycling redundant stationery;
- old further items have been recycled via Planet Earth contact who repairs/sells on any items where possible (eg old book cases, chairs and desk cabinets);
- using Earth friendly cleaning products in the kitchen, washable cloths for cleaning services and cloth tea towels and hand towels provided for staff use in the kitchen (rather than disposable towels);
- sourcing environmentally sustainable products, including biodegradable packaging and investing in office supplies developed from eco-sustainable practices which minimizes environmental impacts and reduce waste disposal.
- installation of ZIP taps within office kitchen facilities which provides filtered and boiling water. This replaces the need for a conventional kettle and staff using single use water bottles.
- no disposable cups, crockery and cutlery in staff breakout areas, reusable only.

#### Sustainable Focused Events:

Firms have offered support to various campaigns including:

- The participation in Earth Day Hour initiatives such as a webinar on carbon offset projects and joining the global movement to turn all lights out for the Earth hour;
- Plastic Free July;
- · National recycling week;
- World Environment Day;
- Dress for Success (donation of pre-loved formal or work clothes to local high schools and charities for under-privileged youth to dress for job interview);
- Lids4Kids (an initiative where plastic lids are collected and turned into prosthetic limbs for kids for children in need);
- Volunteering to support a native revegetation project at Sir Joseph Banks Park in Botany Bay.
- Internal firm appeals and collections

#### Training:

A number of firms have delivered training programs, information sessions and workshops regarding climate change, sustainability and recycling to staff and clients to promote education and drive positive behaviour change.



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## 11. Total Panel Billings (\$m) by Portfolio, Agency and Sub Panel

Portfolio
<ul> <li>Climate Change, Energy and the</li> </ul>
■ Health
<ul> <li>Jobs and Tourism</li> </ul>
Other
Planning
<ul> <li>Planning and Environment</li> </ul>
Premier and Cabinet
Regional NSW
Transport
Treasury

<ul> <li>Climate Change, Energy and the Environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Jobs and Tourism</li> </ul>
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Regional NSW Stronger Communities				
Transport Transport and Infrastructure				
Portfolio/Agency/Sub Panel	FY23/24	Portfolio/Agency/Sub Panel	FY23/24	Portfolio/Agency/Sub Panel
Education	\$11.892.799	Climate Change, Energy and the Environment	\$7,186,432	Planning
Universities Planning, Property and Environmental	\$3,453,541 \$139,537	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	\$1,112,075	Western Sydney Parklands Trust Planning, Property and Environmental
Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$319,203 \$90,524 \$759,965	Commercial Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$389,992 \$250,426 \$17,420	Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction
Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction Commercial	\$759,965 \$1,069,326 \$1,074,986	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Planning, Property and Environmental	\$125,621 \$328,616	Commercial  Western Parkland City Authority  Planning, Property and Environmental
TAFE NSW Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,423,237 \$428,957	Energy Corporation of New South Wales Commercial	\$2,338,494 \$153,003	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Commercial
Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$1,105 \$88,833	Construction Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$1,664,367 \$4,423	Valuer General Planning, Property and Environmental
Employment, Work Health and Safety  Construction  Commercial	\$333,479 \$484,159 \$86,704	Planning, Property and Environmental  Environment Protection Authority  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$516,701 \$51,294 \$20,021	Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Southern Cross University Litigation and Inquiries	\$860,148 \$21,707	Legal Support Services Litigation and Inquiries	\$22,886 \$8,387	Sydney Olympic Park Authority Planning, Property and Environmental Commercial
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$5,755 \$726,133	Essential Energy Commercial	\$1,188,751 \$616,111	Property NSW Planning, Property and Environmental
Commercial  NSW Education Standards Authority  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$106,554 \$177,381 \$825	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$30,898 \$53,317 \$30,217	Construction Planning Ministerial Corporation
Employment, Work Health and Safety  Commercial	\$134,004 \$42,552	Litigation and Inquiries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$250,994 \$207,214	Planning, Property and Environmental  Place Management NSW  Planning, Property and Environmental
Department of Education Planning, Property and Environmental	\$5,978,493 \$1,124,227	Hunter Water Corporation Construction	\$9,036 \$4,036	Commercial Parramatta Park Trust
Litigation and Inquiries Legal Support Services	\$158,837 \$31,697	Planning, Property and Environmental  National Parks and Wildlife Service  Commercial	\$5,000 \$34,510 \$10,000	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Office of Local Government
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction	\$921,207 \$688,041 \$1,536,984	Planning, Property and Environmental  Natural Resources Access Regulator	\$24,510 \$55,984	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety  NSW Reconstruction Authority
Commercial Customer Service	\$1,517,500 \$4,526,877	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Planning, Property and Environmental	\$31,810 \$24,174	Planning, Property and Environmental Legal Support Services
State Insurance Regulatory Authority Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$60,036 \$45,750	Sydney Water Corporation Commercial	\$1,793,309 \$28,402 \$393,575	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety
Commercial  Small Business Commissioner  Planning, Property and Environmental	\$14,286 \$10,176 \$6,233	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$86,029 \$6,622	Construction Commercial NSW Crown Lands
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Service NSW	\$3,943 \$426,726	Litigation and Inquiries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$282,055 \$996,627	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Metropolitan Memorial Parks
Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$6,257 \$302,411	Taronga Conservation Society Australia Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$17,792 \$17,792	Planning, Property and Environmental Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Employment, Work Health and Safety  Commercial	\$40,171 \$77,887	Water NSW Commercial Construction	\$565,594 \$102,639	Employment, Work Health and Safety  Landcom
SafeWork NSW Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries	\$82,013 \$13,226 \$10,039	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$28,123 \$16,421 \$31,022	Planning, Property and Environmental  Independent Planning Commission  Planning, Property and Environmental
Legal Support Services Revenue NSW	\$58,748 \$126,831	Litigation and Inquiries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$621 \$386,768	Planning, Property and Environmental  Legal Support Services  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Litigation and Inquiries  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$4,090 \$117,213	Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales Commercial	\$19,594 \$19,594	Commercial Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation
Employment, Work Health and Safety  Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$5,527 \$6,181 \$6.181	Health Agency for Clinical Innovation Commercial	\$22,424,265 \$29,839 \$29,839	Planning, Property and Environmental  Greater Sydney Parklands Trust  Planning, Property and Environmental
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Professional Standards Council  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$6,181 \$18,487 \$10,232	Ambulance Service Commercial	\$772,453 \$279,858	Planning, Property and Environmental Employment, Work Health and Safety Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
Commercial Personal Injury Commission	\$8,256 <b>\$49,647</b>	Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$435,973 \$20,034	Planning, Property and Environmental Legal Support Services
Litigation and Inquiries Office of the Registrar General	\$49,647 <b>\$163,084</b>	Planning, Property and Environmental  Cancer Institute NSW  Commercial	\$36,589 \$21,811 \$20,884	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Construction
Legal Support Services Construction Commercial	\$2,833 \$123,151 \$37,101	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety Central Coast Local Health District	\$20,884 \$927 <b>\$19,121</b>	Commercial  Crown Property Services  Commercial
Office of the Independent Review Officer Commercial	\$13,418 \$13,418	Employment, Work Health and Safety Litigation and Inquiries	\$11,026 \$8,096	Other Other eligible agency
NSW Government Telco Authority Planning, Property and Environmental	\$744,933 \$171,583	Clinical Excellence Commission Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$5,099 \$5,099	Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Commercial	\$24,298 \$549,052 <b>\$11,448</b>	Dental Council of NSW  Legal Support Services e-Health NSW	\$722 \$722 \$961,728	Legal Support Services Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
NSW Architects Registration Board Legal Support Services Commercial	\$306 \$11,142	Commercial Construction	\$815,490 \$58,195	Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction Commercial
Information and Privacy Commission  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$40,272 \$40,272	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Litigation and Inquiries	\$81,194 \$6,849	Northern Beaches Council Planning, Property and Environmental
Fair Trading Legal Support Services	\$145,273 \$1,913	Far West Local Health District Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$31,405 \$31,405 \$790,334	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Lake Macquarie City Council
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Department of Customer Service  Planning, Property and Environmental	\$143,359 \$2,622,368 \$852,406	Health Administration Corporation  Commercial  Planning, Property and Environmental	\$790,334 \$728,647 \$61.687	Planning, Property and Erwironmental Employment, Work Health and Safety Department of Parliamentary Services
Litigation and Inquiries Legal Support Services	\$217,662 \$360	Health Care Complaints Commission Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$45,047 \$12,689	Planning, Property and Environmental Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$372,993 \$50,774	Litigation and Inquiries  Health Infrastructure  Commercial	\$32,358 \$1,418,738	Employment, Work Health and Safety Commercial
Construction Commercial Building Commission NSW	\$444,221 \$683,953 \$5,984	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$70,267 \$483,971 \$16,234	Councils Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Communities and Justice	\$5,984 \$23,556,018	Planning, Property and Environmental  Health Professional Councils Authority	\$848,266 \$186,740	Legal Support Services  Jobs and Tourism
Venues NSW Litigation and Inquiries	\$112,585 \$34,896	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$114,774 \$25,919	Western Parkland City Authority Planning, Property and Environmental
Commercial  Resilience NSW  Planning, Property and Environmental	\$77,688 - <b>\$3,570</b> - <b>\$3</b> ,570	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Legal Support Services Health System Support Group	\$35,162 \$10,884 <b>\$67,687</b>	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Commercial  Venues NSW
Office of the Sheriff of NSW Planning, Property and Environmental	\$14,061 \$14,061	Construction  HealthShare	\$67,687 \$2,022,495	Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries
Office of the NSW Rural Fire Service Employment, Work Health and Safety	- <b>\$255</b> - <b>\$</b> 255	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$225,289 \$111,342	Employment, Work Health and Safety Commercial
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Litigation and Inquiries	\$273,025 \$74,172	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Litigation and Inquiries	\$4,332 \$1,681,532 \$1,088,660	Sydney Opera House Trust Planning, Property and Environmental
Legal Support Services Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$9,939 \$752 \$188.162	Hunter New England Local Health District  Commercial  Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$1,028,498 \$53,899	Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction Commercial
Office of Sport Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$14,780 -\$8,961	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District	\$6,263 \$445,029	Sydney Living Museums Commercial
Construction Commercial	\$17,939 \$5,802	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$84,672 \$218,664	State Library of New South Wales Employment, Work Health and Safety
Office of Children's Guardian Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$99,692 \$20,697 \$77,751	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Planning, Property and Environmental Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network	\$33,721 \$107,972 \$98,275	State Archives and Records Authority Commercial
Employment, Work Health and Safety  NSW Trustee and Guardian	\$1,244 \$386,122	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$19,720 \$78,555	Office of the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission Legal Support Services
Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries	\$118,847 \$104,027	Local Health Districts / Speciality Health Networks Legal Support Services	\$1,400 \$1,400	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Commercial
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$26,879 \$43,016	Medical Council of New South Wales Litigation and Inquiries Mental Health Review Tribunal	\$10,831 \$10,831 \$11,434	NSW Independent Casino Commission Planning, Property and Environmental
Commercial  NSW State Emergency Service  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$93,353 \$89,588 \$7,559	Mental Health Review Tribunal Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Mid North Coast Local Health District	\$11,434 \$11,434 \$219,334	Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Commercial
Employment, Work Health and Safety Commercial	\$49,997 \$32,032	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$16,610 \$202,724	Museums of History NSW Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
NSW Rural Fire Service Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,554,086 \$498,558	Ministry of Health Commercial	\$7,304,446 \$562,750	Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Planning, Property and Environmental
Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$12,935 \$79,979 \$277,121	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$3,729 \$1,497,615 \$64,417	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction
Commercial NSW Police Force	\$685,494 \$10,310,274	Litigation and Inquiries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$5,105,795 \$70,139	Commercial Liquor & Gaming NSW
Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries	\$174,085 \$1,646,401	Murrumbidgee Local Health District Commercial Employment Work Health and Cafety	\$188,977 \$37,673	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Library Council of NSW
Legal Support Services Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment Work Health and Safety	\$1,213 \$4,215,529 \$1,857,663	Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District	\$141,150 \$10,154 \$535,439	Employment, Work Health and Safety  Jobs Investment and Tourism  Legal Support Services
Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction Commercial	\$1,857,663 \$9,217 \$2,406,166	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$245,685 \$265,600	Legal Support Services Investment NSW Employment, Work Health and Safety
NSW Land and Housing Corporation Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,461,446 \$1,079,271	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Planning, Property and Environmental	\$6,528 \$17,625	Commercial Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority
Litigation and Inquiries Construction	\$1,117 \$2,117	Northern NSW Local Health District Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$166,021 \$9,629 \$61,890	Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Commercial
Commercial  NSW Crime Commission  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$378,942 \$15,099 \$15,099	Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Planning, Property and Environmental	\$61,890 \$81,018 \$13,484	Commercial  Historic Houses Trust of NSW  Commercial
Multicultural NSW Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$38,321 \$15,321	Northern Sydney Local Health District Commercial	\$349,806 \$54,599	Greyhound Racing and Integrity Commission Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Commercial  Legal Profession Admission Board	\$23,000 \$5,855	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety Covernment Regulators and Administrative Law	\$81,407 \$49,803	Commercial Destination NSW
Litigation and Inquiries  Legal Support Services  Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$2,949 \$210 \$2,697	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Litigation and Inquiries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$31,167 \$121,171 \$11,658	Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law  Legal Aid NSW  Legal Support Services	\$2,697 \$88,527 \$235	NSW Health Pathology Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$78,036 \$78,036	Employment, Work Health and Safety  Commercial  Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$4,387 \$83,906	NSW Health Service Commercial	<b>\$747</b> \$747	Planning, Property and Environmental Legal Support Services
Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$33,440 \$30,512	Pharmacy Council of NSW  Commercial  Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies	\$368,688 \$368,688 \$5,549	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction
Employment, Work Health and Safety Inspector of Custodial Services Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$2,927 \$72,051 \$72,051	Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies Planning, Property and Environmental South Eastern Sydney Local Health District	\$5,549 \$5,549 \$233,574	Construction Commercial Create NSW
Fire and Rescue NSW Planning, Property and Environmental	\$428,280 \$79,395	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$54,054 \$167,124	Planning, Property and Environmental Employment, Work Health and Safety
Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$4,000 \$88,340	Government Regulatory and Administrative Law South Western Sydney Local Health District	\$12,396 \$305,032	Australian Museum Trust Planning, Property and Environmental
Employment, Work Health and Safety Commercial	\$118,373 \$138,171 \$1,067,808	Commercial Employment, Work Health and Safety Planning, Property and Environmental	\$15,897 \$252,737 \$36,398	Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction
Department of Communities and Justice Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries	\$1,067,808 \$47,743 \$90,078	Southern NSW Local Health District Commercial	\$74,503 \$16,525	Commercial Total
Legal Support Services Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$85,913 \$194,982	Employment, Work Health and Safety Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$28,368 \$29,610	
Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction	\$344,398 \$54,931	Sydney Children's Hospitals Network  Commercial  Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$80,957 \$23,969 \$43,230	
Commercial  Crown Solicitor's Office  Legal Support Services	\$249,762 \$855,060 \$855,060	Employment, Work Health and Safety Litigation and Inquiries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$43,230 \$748 \$13,009	
Corrective Services NSW Litigation and Inquiries	\$6,589,468 \$5,994,610	Sydney Local Health District Commercial	\$2,907,236 \$749,742	
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$161,517 \$382,236	Employment, Work Health and Safety Litigation and Inquiries	\$254,303 \$1,585,896	
Commercial  Advocate for Children and Young People  Litigation and Inquiries	\$51,105 \$17,658 \$17,658	Planning, Property and Environmental  Western NSW Local Health District  Commercial	\$317,294 \$412,076 \$782	
Litigation and Inquiries  Aboriginal Housing Office  Planning, Property and Environmental	\$17,658 \$32,618 \$28,817	Construction Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$40,326 \$348,787	
Construction	\$3,227	Planning, Property and Environmental	\$22,182	

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Western NSW Local Health Description
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Western Sydney Local Health District
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## (\$m) by Portfolio, Agency and Sub Panel

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Customer Service		
Education		
Enterprise, Investment and Trade		
Health		
Jobs and Tourism		
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Premier and Cabinet		
Regional NSW		
Stronger Communities		
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Panel Billings
Portfolio
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Communities and Justice
Customer Service
Education
□ Health
Jobs and Tourism
Other
Planning
<ul> <li>Transport</li> </ul>
Treasury

Portfolio/Agency/Sub Panel

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	Climate Change, Energy and the Environment
	Communities and Justice
	Customer Service
	Education
	Enterprise, Investment and Trade
	Health
	Jobs and Tourism
	Other
	Planning
	Transport and Infrastructure
-	Treasury

Portfolio/Agency/Sub Panel

Portfolio/Agency/Sub Panel	FY23/24
Regional NSW	\$7,007,714
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	\$4,112
Commercial	\$4,112
Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,088,901 \$1,088,901
NSW Rural Assistance Authority	\$1,000,901
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$5,169
NSW Public Works Advisory	\$3,141
Employment, Work Health and Safety  NSW Fisheries	\$3,141 \$107.852
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$107,852
Forestry Corporation of NSW	\$2,913,491
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,365,478
Legal Support Services Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$411 \$159.314
Commercial Commercial	\$1,388,287
Department of Regional NSW	\$2,849,346
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$321,192
Litigation and Inquiries	\$11,256 \$1,472
Legal Support Services Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$1,472
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$1,295,322
Construction	\$39,164
Commercial	\$979,677
Department of Primary Industries Planning, Property and Environmental	\$35,702 \$5,628
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$30,074
Premier and Cabinet	\$358,896
Public Service Commission	\$94,718
Employment, Work Health and Safety Commercial	\$32,004 \$62,714
Ombudsman's Office	\$62,714
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$37,498
Ombudsman	\$11,131
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$11,131
NSW Electoral Commission Planning, Property and Environmental	\$30,799 \$1,980
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$7,332
Commercial	\$21,487
Natural Resources Commission	\$3,058
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$2,910 \$148
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal	\$76.452
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$52,727
Commercial	\$23,724
Independent Commission Against Corruption Litigation and Inquiries	\$76,266 \$10.682
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$36,584
Commercial	\$29,000
Department of Premier and Cabinet	\$1,389
Legal Support Services  Audit Office of NSW	\$1,389 <b>\$27,585</b>
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$14,043
Commercial	\$13,541
Planning and Environment	\$10,806,224
Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales Litigation and Inquiries	\$15,684 \$9,754
Commercial	\$9,754 \$5,930
Western Sydney Parklands Trust	\$301,812
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$118,312
Construction Water NSW	\$183,500 \$1,208,116
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,208,116
Litigation and Inquiries	\$79,161
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$89,738
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$17,256
Commercial	\$12,819 \$206,053
Valuer General	\$206,053
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$31,159
Taronga Conservation Society Australia	\$8,811
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$8,811 \$1,821,751
Sydney Water Corporation Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,821,751 \$1,061,709
Litigation and Inquiries	\$208,624
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$7,725
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$105,503
Construction Commercial	\$318,599 \$119,592
Sydney Olympic Park Authority	\$17,086
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$17,086

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Sydney Olympic Park Authority
Planning, Property and Environmental
Resources and Energy
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law

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Commercial

Planning Ministerial Corporation

Planning, Property and Environmental

Place Management NSW

Planning, Property and Environmental

Commercial

Commercial
Paramatta Park Trust
Planning, Property and Environmental
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Office of Local Government
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
NSW Reconstruction Authority
Planning, Property and Environmental
Legal Support Services
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Employment, Work Health and Safety
Commercial

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Commercial

NSW Fisheries
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
NSW Crown Lands
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Natural Resources Access Regulator
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
National Parks and Wildlife Service
Planning, Property and Environmental

Legal Support Services Government Regulatory and Administrative Law

Construction

Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel
Planning, Property and Environmental

Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation
Planning, Property and Environmental

Legal Support Services
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Employment, Work Health and Safety
Commercial

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Department of Planning and Environment
Planning, Property and Environmental
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Construction
Commercial

Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Construction Construction

Aboriginal Housing Office
Planning, Property and Environmental
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law
Commercial

Total

Greater Cities Commission
Planning, Property and Environmental

Litigation and Inquiries Legal Support Services

Planning, Property and Environmental Essential Energy Planning, Property and Environmental Litigation and Inquiries Government Regulatory and Administrative Lav Employment, Work Health and Safety Construction

Litigation and Inquiries
Commercial Planning, Property and Environment
Independent Planning Commission
Planning, Property and Environment

Construction

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\$19,748 \$3,947 \$9,580 \$2,026,375 \$1,129,542

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ransport	\$70,902,786
NSW Trains	\$370,426
Commercial	\$138,433
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$231,994
Office of Transport Safety Investigations	\$29,190
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$29,190
Port Authority of New South Wales	\$236,125
Commercial	\$49,693
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$156,822
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$3,29
Litigation and Inquiries	\$7,460
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$18,852
Sydney Metro	\$28,399,193
Commercial	\$236,40
Construction	\$13,557,242
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$689,911
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$150,055
Legal Support Services	\$25,323
Litigation and Inquiries	\$36,44
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$13,703,813
Sydney Trains	\$1,012,337
Commercial	\$61,219
Construction	\$270,508
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$145,902
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$190,661
Litigation and Inquiries	\$308,415
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$35,632
Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW (TAHE)	\$2,027,255
Commercial	\$642,209
Construction	\$119,284
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$21,476
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$89,774
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,154,513
Transport for NSW	\$38,828,260
Commercial	\$6,702,205
Construction	\$15,818,320
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$1,758,835
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$702,038
Legal Support Services	\$9,490
Litigation and Inquiries	\$773,519
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$13,063,853
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SAS Trustee Corporation	\$385,79
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$139,45
Litigation and Inquiries	\$2,55
Legal Support Services	\$1,22
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$8,91
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$61,70
Construction	\$2,09
Commercial	\$169,83
Port Newcastle, Port Botany and Port Kembla Lessor	\$47,90
Companies (Pty Ltd)	
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$7,88
Commercial	\$40,01
Office of Energy and Climate Change	\$40,15
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$40,69
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	-\$53
NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp)	\$1,010,62
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$28,11
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$36,24
Construction	\$78,11
Commercial	\$868,15
NSW Treasury	\$2,341,72
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$361,66
Legal Support Services	\$2,40
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$185,92
Construction	-\$5,45
Commercial	\$1,797,18
NSW Self Insurance Corporation (SICorp)	\$1,160,28
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$9,72
Litigation and Inquiries	\$350,55
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$582,87
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$214,46
Commercial	\$2,66
Lifetime Care and Support Authority of New South Wales	\$36,27
Litigation and Inquiries	\$5,63
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$30,63
Insurance & Care NSW	\$647,37
Litigation and Inquiries	\$9,03
Legal Support Services	\$55,00
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$89,52
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$110,55
Construction	\$150,09
Commercial	\$233,16
Infrastructure NSW	\$4,579,88
Planning, Property and Environmental	\$1,529,38
Litigation and Inquiries	\$29,83
Government Regulatory and Administrative Law	\$10,59
Employment, Work Health and Safety	\$33,13
Construction	\$2,839,17
Construction	\$137,75
Commercial	
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Commercial	
Commercial Epsilon Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation	\$96,46
Commercial  Epsilon Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation  Planning, Property and Environmental  Commercial	\$96,46 \$2,87
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Commercial  Epsilon Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation  Planning, Property and Environmental  Commercial  Energy Corporation of New South Wales  Planning, Property and Environmental	\$96,46 \$2,87 <b>\$1,589,74</b> \$356,82

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