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Cost of NSW Planning System Review
Response given to the *Daily Telegraph*

How much is the department paying the consultants Tim Moore and Ron Dyer? What is the estimated cost of this review and has money been allocated in the Budget?

Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:

While Tim Moore is on secondment from the NSW Land and Environment Court, the NSW planning system review is reimbursing the court for Mr Moore's salary. Mr Moore's annual salary as Senior Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court is \$257,980, which is fixed by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal and is on the public record.

The remuneration for Ron Dyer for the 2011-12 financial year is \$60,000. Mr Dyer is working on the review on a part-time basis.

The 2011-12 Budget set aside \$4.5 million for the financial year 2011-2012 for the review of the NSW planning system. The actual cost incurred will be known when the review is completed.

Part of this funding will support a comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement program to ensure that the widest possible range of views are considered in the review.

To date, more than 1,100 key stakeholders and community members have involved in well over 100 meetings across NSW. People have been giving feedback about the key principles and objectives of a new planning system. A further 16 public forums will be held in eight locations by mid November.

Feedback will be sought on an issues paper to be published in December. In this paper, the panel will document the costs incurred to date in conducting the review.