

# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL BRIEF FOR DECISION

# URGENT

**Date** 31 May 2012  
**To** **Attorney-General and Minister for Justice**  
**From** Property Services, Corporate Services  
**Subject** Opening and Naming Plaque - new Supreme and District Court  
**Requested by** Attorney-General's office  
**Decision required by** **11 June 2012** - to enable the full plaque to be made in time for the opening on 3 August 2012.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That you **approve** work to proceed for production of the opening and naming plaque with State Coat of Arms at an estimated cost of \$50,000, being \$45,000 plus GST.

## BACKGROUND SUMMARY

1. The Attorney-General recently visited the new Supreme Court and District Court building with the Chief Justice and a proposed plaque design and location was discussed. It was agreed that this proposal would be costed and a brief prepared.
2. The plaque consists of three separate parts: the traditional "foundation stone" record of opening; the proposed name of the building; and the large State Coat of Arms – see **Attachment 1**.
3. The estimated design, manufacture and installation costs for the three parts are:
  - Foundation stone - \$5,500 to \$7,500;
  - Name component - \$7,500 to \$9000; and
  - State Coat of Arms - \$12,500 to \$15,000.

The estimated total cost, allowing for a 10% contingency and scaffolding for erection, is \$45,000 plus GST.

## ISSUES

4. The estimate is based on the use of aluminium which is cheaper than the stainless steel or bronze alternatives. A smaller size plaque was investigated but does not reduce the cost significantly as the aluminium must be purchased in a single sheet the size of which approximates the total plaque size.
5. To reduce costs it would be possible to proceed with the foundation plaque and the name and omit the State Coat of Arms.
6. The full plaque can be produced in time for the opening on 3 August 2012 if approval is received before 11 June 2012.

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**EMPLOYMENT IMPACT**

7. Not applicable

**CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

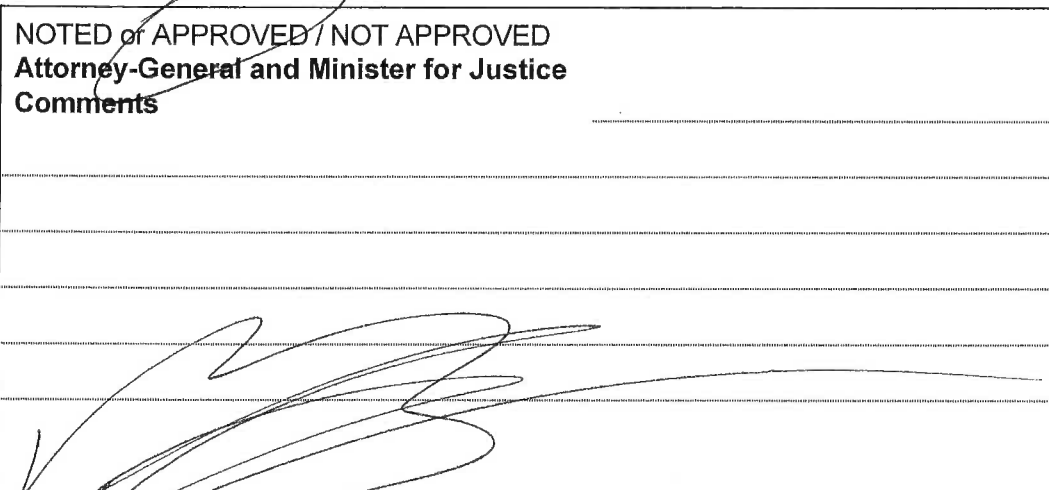
8. The Chief Justice prefers the full plaque with State Coat of Arms to give due prominence to the name.

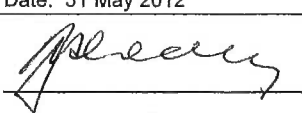
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. Funding to cover the full cost is available in the existing project budget.

**POTENTIAL MEDIA**

10. Not applicable

NOTED or APPROVED / NOT APPROVED <b>Attorney-General and Minister for Justice</b> Comments		
		
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