



The Salvation Army

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 AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY

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Monday, June 01, 1998

 Major Wal Spence
 Financial Secretary

Dear Major,

 Re: **REQUEST FOR FINANCE COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR LEGAL FEES - THE SALVATION ARMY AND LAURIE WILSON** at ^{EP}

There is an action in process against Laurie Wilson as the first defendant and The Salvation Army as the second defendant resulting from complaints in regard to the Wilson's behaviour while stationed in a children's home.

Lynden Hopper has informed me that advice from Wilson's former Solicitors indicates that he has no money and is not intending, nor able to, file an Appearance in this matter let alone be represented.

The attached copy of correspondence provides further information and advice on this matter.

There are three options open to us:

1. Do nothing and let the legal processes take their course with perhaps an unsatisfactory outcome for the Army.
2. Allow Lynden Hopper to represent Wilson in the matter.
3. Provide funding for another legal firm to represent him.

I have discussed this matter with the Chief Secretary and I have recommended option 3 to him. He has given interim approval for this to proceed and I have instructed Lynden Hopper accordingly.

At the same time the Chief Secretary requested an estimate of costs so that a ceiling could be established. He further requested that the matter be brought to Finance Council to ratify the decision.

At the time of writing I am still waiting on Lynden Hopper's word on the fec proposal.

This will be provided as soon as it comes to hand.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
 Yours sincerely,

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 Secretary for Personnel

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