

Q. In reference to the evidence of Earl Ludlow, page 27, line 2 “Other Company Fees”, please provide, in a table, for 1996 to current, the actual versus forecast and the percent of increase/decrease, as the case may be, for legal proceedings.

A. The cost of legal proceedings includes legal costs incurred in relation to damage claims, collection disputes, financial market reporting, and other such items. The cost of legal proceedings also includes costs associated with the ongoing income tax cases with respect to general expenses capitalized (GEC) and unbilled revenue.

Table 1 below list the legal proceeding expenses for 1996 to 2002F.

Table 1 Legal Proceedings Expenses 1996 – 2002F (\$000s)			
Year	Annual Expense	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cent Increase (Decrease)
1996	67	-	-
1997	49	(18)	(26.9)
1998	368	319	651.0
1999	147	(221)	(60.0)
2000	162	15	10.2
2001	508	346	213.6
2002F	277	(231)	(45.4)

An actual versus forecast comparison is not possible as the information regarding forecasts is not separately available. These expenses were forecast as part of “Other Company Fees”.

Furthermore, as records are not kept on the basis of whether they relate to “legal proceedings”, the foregoing is merely an estimate based upon a review of the relevant records.

Please refer to the Company’s response to Request for Information CA-417 for further information relating to Other Company Fees, and CA-404 for further information relating to legal fees.