



A Test of Wills **By the numbers – Fact sheet**

How much did it cost?

Legal Aid Ontario's (LAO) original estimate: **\$50,000**

Total paid by Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) to defence lawyers:

\$1,105,063.42*

** this does not include the outstanding disputed bill by Mr. Hamalengwa for \$92,038.56 or the estimated \$200,000 paid to the two lawyers appointed as "friends of the court"*

How many lawyers?

13 total, not counting the prosecution side:

3 privately paid, **1** pro bono, **2** "friends of the court," **7** publicly funded defence lawyers*

for a breakdown of how much each of these lawyers was paid, see **Page 60 of the report*

How long did it take?

Ms. Mariani was first reported missing February 15, 2002; Mr. Wills was convicted of her murder October 31, 2007. During that time, there were **293 days in court**, as follows: **65 days** of preliminary hearing, **144 days** of pre-trial matters, **84 days** of trial

LAO stats and facts:

- Created as an independent corporation under the *Legal Services Act, 1998*
- 2005-06 operating budget: \$309.3 million
- Applications processed that year: 131,157
- Number of cases approved that year: 111,018
- Highest rate approved for top lawyers: \$96.95/hour (last increased by 5% in July 2007)
- Big Case Management program: Launched in 1995; quadrupled from 2000-2006
- Amount spent on "Big Cases" in 2006-07: More than \$23 million
- New "Big Cases" in 2006-07: 49 with budgets exceeding \$75,000
- Average "Big Case" completion cost in 2006-07: \$77,816 per accused

Rowbotham and Fisher orders

Number of Rowbotham orders administered as of September 2007: **4** (other than Wills)

Number of Fisher orders administered as of September 2007: **None** (other than Wills)

MAG payouts in Rowbotham cases in 2006: **\$22,450**

MAG payouts in Fisher cases in 2006: **\$274,054** (Wills and one other)