



Mini-Budget delivers 14 extra lawyers to DPP

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The Rees Government will provide funding for an extra 14 lawyers for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) as part of the Mini-Budget.

NSW Attorney General , John Hatzistergos said the 14 additional lawyers will be located in the following locations to meet workload demands:

- 5 additional lawyers in Sydney
- 4 additional lawyers in Western Sydney (Penrith, Campbelltown and Parramatta)
- 4 additional lawyers in regional offices (Newcastle, Gosford, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Lismore)

The NSW Government will fund the positions for two years from January 1, 2009 at a cost of \$1.4 million per annum.

In the meantime, the new Executive Director of the ODPP – a position created on the recommendation by the NSW Auditor General to oversee wise spending and employment commencing October 28, 2008 – will work to ensure resources are deployed more effectively and spread more evenly so that the ODPP will be in a position to fund the additional legal placements itself.