

A \$30,000 an hour attorney? Palin report overstates inquiries' costs

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There's some double counting and other problems with a spreadsheet outlining \$1.9 million in state costs for ethics complaints, public records requests and lawsuits directed at Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

The administrative director in the governor's office, Linda Perez, conceded that some costs were counted twice and said "the total cost is overstated by \$26,849." She said she missed that the Department of Law's updated numbers included costs that were already counted.

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