Int. No. 1821

By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) (by request of the Queens Borough President)

..Title

A Local Law in relation to requiring the New York city housing authority to report on outside legal expenditures

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. No later than April 1, 2020 and then in April and October of each year thereafter, the chair of the New York city housing authority shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and make publicly available online, a report, which shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. The amount allocated and the amount expended by such authority on legal fees for counsel services not provided by in-house counsel for the period of time covering the months of July through December of the prior calendar year for the April report and for the months of January through June for the October report, in total and disaggregated (i) by individual legal matter, and (ii) by property;

2. The name of any outside law firm retained by such authority;

3. The scope of such services provided by such provider, including the underlying cause of action, the amount paid by such authority for such services, and the date or timeframe during which such services were rendered; and

4. The dates that any outside counsel service contracts were approved.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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