

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Legal Costs

**Question reference number:** HSW 54

**Senator:** McKenzie

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- b) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

- a) The department is required by the *Legal Services Directions 2005* to report legal services expenditure to the Office of Legal Services Coordination annually. To prepare year to date figures at this time would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- b) See answer (a).