

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

Question: E12-122

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Legal Costs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Senator: Senator McKenzie

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.
- c) What sum did each Portfolio Department and Agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- d) What sum did each Portfolio Department and Agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

The attached table provides answers to all of the above questions. Costs related to defending litigation relating to tobacco plain packaging have been excluded.

Expenditure from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012

Agency	Part A Internal Legal Expenditure	Part B AGS Expenditure (GST incl)	PART C Private Firms (GST Incl.)	Part D Other Sources (GST incl)
Department of Health and Ageing	5,228,123	2,179,273	6,642,565	25,502
Aged Care Standards & Accreditation Agency	-	-	120,225	-
Australia Institute of Health & Welfare	-	20,535	27,632	-
Australia Organ & Tissue Donation & Transplantation Authority	12,164	3,566	20,408	-
Australia Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	568,360	190,729	4,900	242
Australian National Preventive Health Agency	-	18,313	270,678	17,509
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	5,790	5,088	45,621	-
Cancer Australia	-	343	17,400	-
Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	1,070,137	179,442	147,520	-
General Practice Education & Training Ltd	-	-	27,780	-
Health Workforce Australia	311,223	258,832	552,820	-
National Blood Authority	255,297	20,167	195,906	-
National Health & Medical Research Council	136,095	59,248	62,865	-
Private Health Insurance Administration Council	159,403	-	9,142	3,020
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman	-	7,534	-	-
Professional Services Review	-	15,156	79,704	-
Office of the Aged Care Commissioner	-	136052.92	-	-
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	153,586	-	-	-
National Industrial Chemicals Notification & Assessment Scheme	-	18,313	270,687	17,509
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	-	-	40,623	-
Therapeutic Goods Administration	2,461,714	552,427	717,292	-
TOTAL	10,361,892	3,665,019	9,253,768	63,782