

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

13 – 14 February 2013

Question: AET 1144-1147

Topic: Legal Costs

Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1144. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date (22 February 2013) within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1145. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (22 February 2013) from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1146. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (22 February 2013) from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1147. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (22 February 2013) from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

Note: The Government does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received by the Government or its agencies. It is important for any government to be able to make fully informed decisions based on comprehensive and confidential legal advice. As such only total figures for legal service expenditure will be provided.

1144. \$128,961

1145. \$119,275

1146. \$9,686

1147. Nil