

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 465-468

Topic: Legal Costs

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

465. 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.
466. 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.
467. 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.
468. 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:

465. The expenditure on legal services within the ACCC for the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 was \$5,073,838. This is comprised of staffing and associated costs for the Legal Group.
466. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 was \$9,099,075. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$6,704,230 and Legal Counsel Fees of \$2,394,845.
467. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from private firms for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 was \$4,611,982. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$3,182,729 and Legal Counsel Fees of \$1,429,254.
468. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from other sources for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 was \$59,032. This is comprised of expenditure on Direct Briefed Counsel Fees.