

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 743-746

Topic: Legal Costs

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

743. 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.
744. 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.
745. 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.
746. 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.

**Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

Answer:

743. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) spent \$4,006,340.78 on internal legal services for the financial year to 31 May 2013.
744. APRA spent \$9,537.00 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year to 31 May 2013.
745. APRA spent \$1,140,209.60 on legal services from private firms for the financial year to 31 May 2013.
746. APRA spent \$310,794.63 on legal services from other sources (counsel briefed directly) for the financial year to 31 May 2013.