

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question:** SBT 1299-1306

**Topic:** Legal Costs (PC)

**Written:** Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1299. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1300. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1301. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1302. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1303. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date (26 October 2012) within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1304. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (26 October 2012) from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1305. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (26 October 2012) from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1306. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (26 October 2012) from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

- 1299-1302. A statement of Legal Services Expenditure for 2011-12 has been published on the Productivity Commission's website in compliance with paragraph 11.1(ba) of the *Legal Services Directions 2005*.  
The total legal services expenditure of \$6,540 (GST inclusive) in 2011-12 was paid to the Australian Government Solicitor.
- 1303-1306. Nil.