

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question: SBT 1307-1314**

**Topic: Legal Costs (AOFM)**

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

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1307. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1308. 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.
1309. 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.
1310. 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.
1311. 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.
1312. 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.
1313. 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.
1314. 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:**

1307. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, the AOFM spent \$363,549 on legal services. This included \$33,068 on advice on the application of legislation, \$62,732 on probity auditing and \$267,749 on contract development and negotiation which included general advice.
1308. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, the AOFM spent \$100,506 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor. This comprised of \$33,068 on advice on the application of legislation, \$62,732 on probity auditing and \$4,706 on contract development and negotiation including general advice.
1309. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, the AOFM spent \$263,043 on legal services from private firms. This comprised of \$96,022 with Mallesons Stephen Jacques on contract negotiation & development, and \$167,021 with Allens Arthur Robinson on contract development and negotiations.

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1310. The AOFM did not spend any legal expenditure on other sources during the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.
1311. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 26 October 2012, the AOFM spent \$38,170 on legal services. This included \$17,449 on advice on the application of legislation and \$20,721 on contract development and negotiation which included general advice.
1312. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 26 October 2012, the AOFM spent \$31,481 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor. This comprised of \$17,449 on advice on the application of legislation and \$14,032 on contract development and negotiation including general advice.
1313. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 26 October 2012, the AOFM spent \$6,689 on legal services from private firms. This comprised of \$6,304 with Mallesons Stephen Jacques on contract negotiation & development and \$385 with Allens Arthur Robinson on an Audit Letter.
1314. The AOFM did not spend any legal expenditure on other sources during the period 1 July 2012 to 26 October 2012.