

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1323-1330

Topic: Legal Costs (ACCC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1323. 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.
1324. 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.
1325. 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.
1326. 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.
1327. 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.
1328. 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.
1329. 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.
1330. 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:

1323. The expenditure on legal services within the ACCC for the 2011-12 financial Year was \$7,655,000. This comprised staffing and associated costs for the Legal Group.
1324. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the 2011-12 financial year was \$14,176,417. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$11,049,575 and Legal Counsel Fees of \$3,126,842.
1325. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from private firms for the 2011-12 financial year was \$12,065,442. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$8,916,833 and Legal Counsel Fees of \$3,148,609.
1326. Nil.

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1327. The expenditure on legal services within the ACCC for the Financial Year to date (to 31 October 2012) was \$2,981,662 (GST exclusive). This comprised staffing and related costs for the Legal Group.
1328. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year to date (to 31 October 2012) was \$5,418,767 (GST exclusive). This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$4,289,265 and Legal Counsel Fees in the amount of \$1,129,502.
1329. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from private firms for the financial year to date (to 31 October 2012) was \$2,726,017. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$2,015,887 and Legal Counsel Fees in the amount of \$710,129.
1330. Nil.