

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1331-1338

Topic: Legal Costs (ABS)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1331. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1332. 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.
1333. 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.
1334. 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.
1335. 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.
1336. 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.
1337. 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.
1338. 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:

Note: The Government does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received by the Government or its agencies. It is important for any government to be able to make fully informed decisions based on comprehensive and confidential legal advice. As such only total figures for legal service expenditure will be provided.

1331. This information is available in Appendix Table A10.2 of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2011/12 (cat. no. 1001.0).
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1336. \$82,149
1337. \$6,308
1338. \$0