## **Economics Legislation Committee**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 28 and 29 May 2012

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** R&D Tax Concession – Legal Costs

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 29 May 2012, page 30)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-69

**Senator COLBECK** –I appreciate that. It is not possible at all to get any sense of how much you have spent internally?

**Ms Butler:** I would have to take that on notice. I am assuming we log legal requests just like any other department. I just do not know—

**Senator COLBECK:** I would appreciate some sense of it.

**Ms Butler:** We can certainly do that. We will take that on notice and see what internal costs can be attributed.

## **ANSWER**

Based on staffing costs, it is estimated that the internal legal spend was \$27,830 in 2010-11 and \$14,330 in 2011-12 (to 31 May 2012).