

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

DEEWR Question No. EW0884_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

FWA - Investigation into the Health Services Union

1. What is the total cost to date on the investigation into the Health Services Union?
a. Please break down ie. AGS Fees, External Legal Fees, Staff Time, Staff Travel etc.
2. What is the anticipated cost of the KPMG review of Fair Work Australia's investigation into the Health Services Union?

Answer

FWA has provided the following response.

1. The cost to 15 February 2012 of the investigations into the Health Services Union National Office and the Health Services Union Victorian No 1 Branch is as follows:

AGS Fees:	\$ 938 436.04 (excl. GST)
External Legal Fees:	\$ 29,814.73 (excl. GST)
External Accounting Fees:	
Enmark Pty Ltd	\$76,720.72 (excl. GST)
PKF	\$13,000.00 (excl. GST)

Staff Time

Two officers of FWA have worked on the investigation. Mr Nassios has worked on the investigation in addition to his other workload. While Ms Carruthers has worked on the investigation exclusively for periods of time, at other times, she has worked on the investigation in addition to her other workload. It is not practicable to apportion the total time that the two staff have worked on the investigation and thereby quantify the cost related to staff time.

Staff Travel

\$12,163.90 (excl. GST)

2. The anticipated cost of the KPMG review of Fair Work Australia's investigation into the Health Services Union is approximately \$200,000.