

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question Number: W407-06

Question:

Senator Ludwig provided in writing:

1. In 2004/2005 did the Agency procure any legal services under the thresholds required for 'covered procurements' (within the meaning of 8.6 of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines)?
2. If so, provide details including the name of the provider, the work involved and the cost.

Answer:

1. Yes
2. As at 21 June 2005, the following services were obtained:

Frenkel Partners Lawyers – This involved specialist advice regarding Victorian legislation - \$2,805

De Silva Hebron Lawyers – This involved assistance with third party recovery action pursuant to section 50 of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* - \$32,725

Thompson Playford Lawyers – This involved assistance with reconsiderations and appeals. Thompson Playford assist panel firm Dibbs Barker Gosling with managing their South Australian workload - \$22,218