Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 71

Topic: Legal Costs

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Senator McKenzie asked:

What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

The Department is unable to provide a year to date expenditure on legal services across the portfolio without diverting substantial resources.

Due to the complexity of this information and the level of resourcing required across the portfolio, expenditure on legal services is published once a year in the Department's annual report.

FaHCSIA's Annual Report 2010-11 is available at http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/publicationsarticles/corp/Pages/Annual_Report_2010-2011.aspx