

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 – Sport and Recreation

Topic: Costs associated with Cobia investigation

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Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

Senator PERIS: With that \$3.9 million, are you able to breakdown those costs? Mr Burgess: Yes, I can. The only other thing I would say is that \$3.9 million represents our external legal costs. The other additional cost to that would be our internal costs, and in the main they would be for the investigation that was conducted. I do not think I have that number. I am happy to take that one on notice, but effectively it was five to six investigators over a period of about nine to 10 months. Senator PERIS: You are able to break those down—but take it on notice? Mr Burgess: We will take that one on notice.

Answer:

- External legal expenses \$3,910,864
- Other costs \$1,562,027

The following table outlines the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority's **external legal expenses** to 30 April 2015 (excl GST).

	Total 000's
Earl and Kennedy (NRL) AAT	130
Legal advice and related matters	675
Essendon and James Hird Federal Court and subsequent James Hird appeal	1,726
AFL Tribunal (including Victorian Supreme Court subpoena application)	1,379
TOTAL	3,910