

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 89**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 07/06/2017**

**Topic: Legal costs**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. What was Australia Post's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided?

**Answer:**

Australia Post total spend on external legal services for calendar year 2016 was approximately \$10.5 million (GST inclusive). Details regarding specific matters for which advice has been obtained are commercial-in-confidence and in many cases relate to and include personal information. Provided below are details of the firms utilised to provide these services:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>\$ (GST inclusive) (incl disbursements)</b>
Allens Linklaters	3,059,135.03
Ashurst	750,645.05
Australian Government Solicitor	12,389.30
Butler, McIntyre and Butler Lawyers	3,109.60
Chapman Tripp	75,858.72
Clarke Legal	449,835.18
Clifford Chance	322,556.68
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	1,543,925.00
Davies Collison & Cave	164,144.75
Denver's List	6,320.00
FOI Solutions	32,065.00

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Foley's List	7,221.00
Graham Jones Lawyers	397,694.63
GT Law	1,045.00
Henry Davis York	118,448.29
Herbert Smith Freehills	21,142.29
Hunt & Hunt	1,062.60
HWL Ebsworth	113,473.56
King & Wood Mallesons	717,105.21
Lander & Rogers	89,280.22
Minter Ellison	106,765.52
Moray & Agnew	745,237.96
Norton Rose	449,925.21
Salvos Legal	158,400.00
Sparke Helmore	926,255.38
Worklogic Pty Ltd	6,309.06
Directly briefed Barristers	257,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,536,350.20</b>