

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 562-565

Topic: Legal Costs

Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

562. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date (22 February 2013) within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
563. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (22 February 2013) from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
564. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (22 February 2013) from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
565. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date (22 February 2013) from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

562. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013 the AOFM spent \$91,201 on legal services. The nature of the legal services comprised advice on the interpretation and application of legislation, development of contracts and assistance with contract negotiations with service providers.
563. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013 the AOFM spent \$55,964 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor. The nature of the legal services comprised of advice on the application of legislation and drafting of instruments.
564. For the period from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013 the AOFM spent \$35,237 on legal services from private legal firms. The nature of the legal services comprised development of contracts and assistance with contract negotiations with service providers.
565. Not applicable.