

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: PC
Question: AET 2610-2613
Topic: Legal Costs
Reference: written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

2610. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency

2611. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external

2612. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)

2613. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

As at 19 February 2016:

2610. Nil.

2611-2613. Not applicable.