

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency:** RAM

**Question:** AET 2614-2617

**Topic:** Legal Costs

**Reference:** written - 19 February 2016

**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

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

2614. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency

2615. 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

2616. 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)

2617. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

**Answer:**

2614. Refer table below – all legal advice in the period was sourced from external providers

2615. Refer table below

2616. Not applicable.

2617. Refer table below – all legal providers were sourced from legal panels available for Mint use.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Cost (ex-GST)</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN GOVT.</b>		
<b>SOL</b>	Employment	788.50
	International effigy agreement	6,616.00
<b>HWL EBSWORTH</b>		
<b>LAWYERS</b>	Tender – Chile	3,150.00
<b>K&amp;L GATES</b>	EBA	13,385.00
<b>PIZZEYS</b>	Patents	8,839.78
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>32,779.28</b>