

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: BET 1045-1048

Topic: Legal Costs (ACCC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1045. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1046. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1047. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1048. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

1045. The expenditure on legal services within the ACCC for the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012) is \$23 953 799.
1046. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012) is \$13 317 345. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$10 256 068 and Legal Counsel Fees in the amount of \$3 061 277.
1047. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from private firms for the financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012) is \$10 636 455. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$8 329 702 and Legal Counsel Fees in the amount of \$2 306 751.
1048. Nil.