

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: BET 1069-1072

Topic: Legal Costs (AOFM)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1069. 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.
- 1070. 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.
- 1071. 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.
- 1072. 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:

- 1069. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, the AOFM spent \$325,908 on legal services. This included \$33,068 on advice on the application of legislation, \$49,211 on probity auditing and \$243,629 on contract development and negotiation and general advice.
- 1070. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, the AOFM spent \$86,985 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor. This comprised of \$33,068 on advice on the application of legislation, \$49,211 on probity auditing and \$4,706 on contract development and negotiation and general advice.
- 1071. For the period from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, the AOFM spent \$238,923 on legal services from private firms. This related to contract development and negotiations.
- 1072. Nil.