

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: AASB/AUASB**

**Question: BET 376-379**

**Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution**

**Reference: written - 17 June 2015**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

376. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
377. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
- a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
  - b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
  - c) When the contract with the firm commenced.
  - d) When the contract with the firm will expire.
  - e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
  - f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.
378. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
379. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
- a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
  - b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
  - c) When the contract with the firm commenced.
  - d) When the contract with the firm will expire.
  - e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
  - f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.

**Answer:**

376 disputes are generally handled by the persons direct report and escalated if necessary.

377 no. never had the requirement

378 code of conduct violations are generally handled by the persons direct report and escalated if necessary.

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