

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ACNC

Question: BET 400 - 403

Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution

Reference: written - 17 June 2015

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

400. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
401. 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.
402. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
403. 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:

400. Disputes are mediated in accordance to Section H, Clause 145 of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) enterprise agreement 2011.

401. No

402. Code of Conduct violations are mediated as per Clause 141 of the ATO enterprise agreement 2011.

403. No