

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
2017 - 2018 Budget Estimates  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** ONA expenditure on legal costs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ketter

**QUESTION No.:** BI-157

How much has the Office of Northern Australia spend in legal costs since 1 July 2016?

- a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

**ANSWER**

For the period 1 July 2016 to 31 May 2017, the Office of Northern Australia has spent \$21,136 (GST exclusive) on legal costs.

- a. \$8,644 (GST exclusive) was for advice on the establishment of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility  
\$12,492 (GST exclusive) was to design contracts for the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility