

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Department/Agency: RAM**

**Question: SBT3747-3750**

**Topic: Legal costs**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

3747. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency

3748. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external

3749. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)

3750. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

**Answer:**

Question No's: (3747, 3748, 3749 & 3750)	<u>Legal Expenditure by Vendor</u>	<u>Services Provided to Royal Australian Mint</u>	<u>Direct/Indirect Briefing - Hours spent</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<b>AUST GOVT SOLICITORS</b>	Contract with Reserve Bank of New Zealand - Matter No. 14029162, legal advice relating to insurance and security performance specifications to construction of the Special Secure Storage area.	Approximately 20 hours	-10,099.65
		RAM - COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON GALLIPOLI COMMEMORATIVE COINS - Preliminary changes to documents	Approximately 20.5 hours	-10,840.50

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		and further updates to Gallipoli Cooperation Agreement		
		Employee S -Fees	Approximately 3 hours	-1,232.00
		IP POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVICE - IP Policy and Guidelines	Approximately 24 hours	-12,375.00
	<b>MINTER ELLISON</b>	RAM SCOPING STUDY - Reviewing legislation referring to the Mint; drafting advice in relation to legal issues from scoping study terms of reference and advice.	Approximately 67.8 hours	-18,036.26
		RAM SCOPING STUDY -Review of advice in relation to legislation and consideration of PGPA aspects and review of materials for meeting with RAM	Approximately 37.4 hours	-11,254.65
	<b>K &amp; L GATES</b>	Advice regarding Employee MS - Professional fees		-4,917.88
		Advice regarding Employee MS - Professional fees		-145.20
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-68,901.14</b>