

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: AASB/AUASB

Question: SBT 1680-1683

Topic: Legal Costs

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1680. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
1681. 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
1682. 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)
1683. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

1680 - 1683

AASB

Total External Professional Fees - \$39,506

- **Gadens Lawyers - Employment Matters - \$34,052**
- **Corrs Chambers Westgath – Property sub-lease - \$5,454**

No Counsel was briefed

legal services were procured from legal services providers on the multi-use list

AUASB

Total External Professional Fees - \$11,204

- **Gadens Lawyers - Employment Matters - \$5,750**
- **Corrs Chambers Westgath – Property sub-lease - \$5,454**

No Counsel was briefed

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