

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: CGC

Question: SBT 2031-2034

Topic: Legal Costs

Reference: written - 04 November 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

2031. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
2032. 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
2033. 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)
2034. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

2031. \$4,389
2032. \$4,389. Lease renewal advice from Australian Government Solicitor. Hours taken to provide advice 8.
2033. Not applicable
2034. Direct Source