

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: ABS

Question: 996-999

Topic: Legal Costs

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

996. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
997. 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
998. 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)
999. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

996-997 The total cost of all ABS legal costs from 1 January 2015 to 31 October 2015 is \$394,814.91. The table below contains a further breakdown of the source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice, the level of counsel used in preparing the advice and whether the advice was internal or external:

Provider	Hours Retained (HH:MM)	Level of Counsel	Internal/ External	Total Cost
Ashurst Australia	2:24	Partner	External	\$3,918.52
Ashurst Australia	4:36	Senior Associate	External	
Ashurst Australia	1:36	Partner	External	\$3,510.53
Ashurst Australia	3:12	Senior Associate	External	
Ashurst Australia	0:12	Lawyer	External	
Ashurst Australia	2:18	Partner	External	\$2,485.26
Ashurst	5:36	Senior Associate	External	

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Australia				
Ashurst Australia	2:24	Partner	External	\$6,096.89
Ashurst Australia	11:24	Lawyer	External	
Ashurst Australia	2:18	Partner	External	\$5,708.12
Ashurst Australia	20:36	Lawyer	External	
Norton Rose Australia	1:12	Partner	External	\$504.24
Norton Rose Australia	7:06	Partner	External	\$13,014.93
Norton Rose Australia	16:00	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	1:12	Partner	External	\$3,065.04
Norton Rose Australia	5:12	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	2:06	Partner	External	\$3,152.16
Norton Rose Australia	4:18	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	3:06	Partner	External	\$3,317.88
Norton Rose Australia	2:30	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	7:30	Partner	External	\$17,104.45
Norton Rose Australia	23:12	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	3:30	Partner	External	\$5,086.95
Norton Rose Australia	5:24	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	1:00	Partner	External	\$630.30
Norton Rose Australia	1:00	Partner	External	\$1,125.08

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Norton Rose Australia	1:24	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	1:18	Partner	External	\$819.39
Norton Rose Australia	1:54	Partner	External	\$4,291.87
Norton Rose Australia	5:48	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	4:00	Partner	External	\$12,284.25
Norton Rose Australia	18:30	Senior Associate	External	
Norton Rose Australia	None stated Agreed price	Partner	External	\$12,925.00
Australian Government Solicitor	14:30	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$8,309.82
Australian Government Solicitor	13:24	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$6,455.90
Australian Government Solicitor	28:36	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$27,645.20
Australian Government Solicitor	3:06	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$1,604.90
Australian Government Solicitor	6:42	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$3,170.20
Australian Government Solicitor	15:48	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$8,734.88
Australian Government Solicitor	8:36	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$4,483.60
Australian Government Solicitor	1:12	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$607.20

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Australian Government Solicitor	0:12	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$440.00
Australian Government Solicitor	0:48	Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	3:42	Senior Lawyer	External	\$1,526.25
Australian Government Solicitor	11:36	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$5,839.94
Australian Government Solicitor	2:00	Senior Lawyer	External	\$1,438.80
Australian Government Solicitor	1:18	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	None stated	Senior Lawyer	External	\$16,150.00
Australian Government Solicitor	0:48	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$360.80
Australian Government Solicitor	5:24	Lawyer	External	\$21,809.70
Australian Government Solicitor	43:30	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	12:42	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$6,426.20
Australian Government Solicitor	None stated	Senior Lawyer	External	\$16,150.00
Australian Government Solicitor	12:54	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$7,095.00

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Australian Government Solicitor	8:54	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$5,060.92
Australian Government Solicitor	3:54	Senior Lawyer	External	\$3,367.65
Australian Government Solicitor	3:42	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	3:54	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$2,145.00
Australian Government Solicitor	None stated	Senior Lawyer	External	\$18,050.00
Australian Government Solicitor	8:42	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$5,248.10
Australian Government Solicitor	2:12	Senior Lawyer	External	\$4,782.80
Australian Government Solicitor	8:00	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	None stated	Senior Lawyer	External	\$26,600.00
Australian Government Solicitor	9:30	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$5,120.50
Australian Government Solicitor	0:24	Paralegal	External	\$21,843.85
Australian Government Solicitor	31:00	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	2:30	Senior Lawyer	External	

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Australian Government Solicitor	8:36	Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	8:48	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$4,277.35
Australian Government Solicitor	27:18	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$19,292.20
Australian Government Solicitor	7:00	Senior Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	2:00	Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	1:00	Paralegal	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	6:30	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$3,467.75
Australian Government Solicitor	13:00	Senior Lawyer	External	\$6,600.00
Australian Government Solicitor	2:24	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	2:36	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$1,387.10
Australian Government Solicitor	3:00	Lawyer	External	\$1,293.60
Australian Government Solicitor	0:36	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	1:42	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$2,148.53

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Australian Government Solicitor	2:00	Lawyer	External	\$14,556.06
Australian Government Solicitor	26:48	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	0:12	Paralegal	External	\$10,660.65
Australian Government Solicitor	20:24	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	
Australian Government Solicitor	3:36	Senior Executive Lawyer	External	\$1,623.60
			Total	\$394,814.91

998. The ABS briefed no Counsel between 1 January 2015 to 31 October 2015.

999. All legal advice was procured through Limited tender, by accessing the providers on the Legal Services Multi Use List. Each provider was assessed as providing a value for money service.