

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000373

Senator Rhiannon, Lee provided asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 115

Legal costs (Mr Rovere FOI request)

Question

Senator RHIANNON: How much money has the Department of Education and Training spent on legal costs to prevent the release of the information that Mr Rovere has requested under the Freedom of Information Act?

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Mr Griew: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Would you not have some of that information available? I got the impression from the way you answered the questions that you are very well acquainted with this case.

Mr Griew: It has come up before, and I will make a statement about that, but I really have no estimate of the cost of legal work done on the case. It has been done by government lawyers. I would have to take that on notice. I simply would not know

Answer

The department engaged the Australian Government Solicitor to represent it in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The cost for this service was \$20,932.78.