

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

How much has the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations spent on all legal counsel since the introduction of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act), broken down by financial year?

a. Of this, how much was spent on engaging the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) and also how much was spent on engaging other legal counsel? Can you provide a breakdown by financial year?

Answer:

The Registrar's legal expenditure for each financial year is publicly reported in the Registrar's yearbooks, which are available at <http://oric.gov.au/news/oric-publications/yearbooks>.

A summary of the Registrar's legal expenditure by firm since 1 July 2007 is set out in the following table:

Financial year	AGS	Minter Ellison	Other law firms	Counsel
2007-08	no data	no data	no data	no data
2008-09	110,818.00	22,885.00	25,806.00	0
2009-10	35,841.00	130,426.00	0	12,058.00
2010-11	72,926.98	32,610.16	0	59,672.20
2011-12	253,113.09	54,035.52	5,423.00	120,355.24
2012-13	100,647.47	110,000.00	13,222.00	55,414.25
2013-14	95,284.72	121,485.80	0	53,320.91