

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office**

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Legal Costs

**Senator:** WONG

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**Question:**

What total amount has been expended on legal services in 2014-15 to date? What amount was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor?

**Answer:**

1. The total cost of legal services in the period 2014-15 to 28 February 2015, including part of the amounts previously advised to the Committee in our response to question 95 from the 2014 Supplementary Budget Estimates, is \$73,477.

The amount the ANAO expended on legal services for the period 1 November to 28 February 2015 was \$35,417. The ANAO obtains all legal advice externally.

2. The amount the ANAO expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor in the period 2014-15 to 28 February 2015, including part of the amounts previously advised to the Committee in our response to question 95 from the 2014 Supplementary Budget Estimates, is \$55,516.

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