

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Legal Costs

Senator: Senator Wong

Question reference number: 174

Type of question: Written

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Question:

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

Answer:

- (1) The financial management information system used by the Office can only provide this data on a monthly basis. The total Office expense for external legal services from 1 July 2014 to 28 February 2015 was \$2,168.00.
- (2) Nil.