

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2017

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Legal Services**

Question: **102**

Written: **Senator Kitching**

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With respect to legal services:

- (a) Describe the nature of the engagement and advice provided/to be provided by Maddocks;
- (b) Describe the nature of the engagement and advice provided/to be provided by Clayton Utz;
- (c) Describe the nature of the engagement and advice provided/to be provided by Sparke Helmore;
- (d) Describe the nature of the engagement and advice provided/to be provided by Ashurst Australia;
- (e) provide details of pre-qualified legal services providers, panel arrangements and the expiries thereto.

Answer

(a)-(d) Maddocks, Clayton Utz, Sparke Helmore and Ashurst Australia are all engaged under work orders issued under the Legal Services Multi-Use List (LSMUL) Deed, managed by the Attorney-General's Department. Descriptions of the work orders entered into with each of these providers this financial year to 31 May 2017:

Service provider	Description	Work order dates
(a) Maddocks	APH Building Services – Probity and Legal Services	19 September 2016 – 31 December 2017
(b) Clayton Utz	APH Security Upgrade and other works	19 July 2016 – 31 August 2018
(b) Clayton Utz	APH Building Services and other related matters	3 October 2016 – 31 December 2017
(b) Clayton Utz	Terminating a procurement process	11 January 2017 – 21 April 2017
(c) Sparke Helmore	APH Group 3 Works - Probity Advisor	9 December 2016 – 31 August 2018

Service provider	Description	Work order dates
(d) Ashurst Australia	Transfer of business issues	24 October 2016 – 31 December 2017
(d) Ashurst Australia	External code of conduct investigation	19 January 2017 – 30 June 2017
(d) Ashurst Australia	Proposed sanction	28 February 2017 – 30 June 2017
(d) Ashurst Australia	Industrial dispute	21 March 2017 – 31 December 2017

(e) DPS does not have any panel arrangements for legal services. External legal services are procured through the LSMUL, managed by the Attorney-General's Department, in accordance with the *Legal Services Directions 2017* and LSMUL Guidance Material issued by Attorney-General's Department.