

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Legal costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

What total amount has been expended on legal services since 18 September 2013?

What amount was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor?

Answer:

As the Department's financial reporting system produces monthly reports, amounts are reported for the period from 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013. Extraction of data from mid-month would be resource intensive. The amounts reported are for invoices paid and are inclusive of GST. The amounts do not include any costs for areas that have, or are, transferring to the Department under machinery of government changes.

From 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Department's legal expenditure was:

1. total legal services - \$111,347.91.
2. legal services through providers other than AGS - \$78,784.63.