

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014

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

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) 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:

- (1) The financial management information system used by the Office can only provide this data on a monthly basis without an unreasonable diversion of resources. The Office spent \$4,552.70 on legal services from 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013.

None of this figure was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor.