

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 27 March 2015:

CHAIR: But you will be able to, as someone has just given me in relation to the child abuse, give me what has been spent and the broad titles of amounts on legal fees.

Ms Fitzgerald: Precisely. Yes and I think I undertook to do that earlier in relation to the broad category of legal expenditure.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The question that we have not quite pinned down is: when?

Ms Fitzgerald: I am happy to take on notice the expenditure to date in relation to legal expenditure.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

As of 31 March 2015 actual legal expenditure, including 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years has totalled \$11.010 million.

This figure includes the amounts paid to Minters Ellison, Counsel Assisting and the Australian Government Solicitor.