

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

Program: 1.1 AGD Operating Expenses - Civil Justice and Legal Services

Question No. AE17/122

Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

1. How many Full Time Equivalent employees work in the OLSC?
2. What are the roles and functions of the OLSC?
3. What was the FY 15/16 operating budget of the OLSC?
4. Where is the OLSC located?

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

How many Full Time Equivalent employees work in the OLSC?

OLSC's Average Staff Level (ASL or average FTE) for the 2016-17 financial year to date is 14.96. In 2015-16, the ASL was 15.61.

What are the roles and functions of the OLSC?

OLSC coordinates and oversees the use of legal services by the Australian government and develops policies relating to commonwealth legal services. OLSC administers the *Legal Services Directions 2005*.

What was the FY 15/16 operating budget of the OLSC?

The 2015-16 operating budget was \$2.867m. This included the Secretary's Review which had a one-off budget of \$0.863m.

Where is the OLSC located?

OLSC is located in the Attorney-General's Department, at 4 National Circuit, Barton.