

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

Group 2

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Question No. 19

Senator HUMPHRIES asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2012:

Senator HUMPHRIES: I will now turn to Commonwealth legal services spending. ... What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date? You can only take that question, presumably, for your department...

Mr Minogue: ... In terms of legal services expenditure within this portfolio and this agency, that is something we report on like any other agency under the legal services directions, but I do not have with me figures for this financial year to date. We can take that on notice, but there are reporting dates under the legal services directions by which agencies are required to submit their legal services expenditure—both the internal spend and external spend.

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

Total spend on legal services for the financial year to date (April) for the Attorney-General's Department amounted to \$9,326,759 GST inclusive.