

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20 October 2011

Question No: SBT 80

Topic: Legal costs

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Senator Bushby asked:

What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

Please refer to the ATO's response to SBT 79.

The ATO expects to provide this information in the *Commissioner of Taxation Annual Report 2011-12*.

From 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011 – total legal expenditure for services from Australian Government Solicitor.

Expenditure on	Total value (Goods and services tax exclusive)
Professional fees	\$3,645,689
Counsel fees	\$2,076,535
Disbursements	\$626,469
Total	\$6,348,693

Financial Notes:

- Includes payments, refunds and accruals.
- Includes expenditure incurred for the Tax Practitioners Board which is \$164,883
 - Total expenditure on Professional fees which is \$138,982
 - Total expenditure on Counsel fees which is \$15,587
 - Total expenditure on Disbursements which is \$10,314