

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0769\_11**

**Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 27.**

**Question**

**LIST OF LEGAL FIRMS AND COSTS**

Senator ABETZ—If it does not put you to too much work, if you could find out for us how often that has been drawn to your attention, I would appreciate it. Can you take on notice for us which legal firms you use around Australia and the amounts paid to each firm in the last couple of years? Ms Webster—I can tell you the firms that we use right now, if you would like. Senator ABETZ—All right. Good. Ms Webster—We have a panel of 20 firms. Senator ABETZ—Do not bother telling us; we will take that on notice, because reading out the name of 20 firms will take some time, so thank you for that, and the costs paid to those firms.

**Answer**

*The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.*

**Firms currently on the Fair Work Ombudsman's legal panel**

Australian Government Solicitor  
Bartier Perry  
Clayton Utz  
Corrs Chambers Westgarth  
Deacons  
DLA Phillips Fox  
FCB Workplace Lawyers  
Ffrench Commercial Lawyers  
Freehills  
Gadens Lawyers  
Holding Redlich Lawyers  
Hunt & Hunt  
Lavan Legal  
Maurice Blackburn  
McCullough Robertson  
Minter Ellison  
Piper Alderman  
Russell Kennedy  
Sparke Helmore  
Zeeman & Zeeman

**External Legal Services Expenditure (inclusive of GST)**  
**Fair Work Ombudsman**

Please note, the firms that received payment in the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 financial years include some firms that are not on the Fair Work Ombudsman's current legal panel for two main reasons. Firstly, in 2009 the Fair Work Ombudsman's legal panel was altered. Firms already briefed on a matter continued to work on that matter and may have received payment in the following financial year. Secondly, in some instances the Fair Work Ombudsman will brief off the panel where a person or firm has a particular area of expertise.

*Period July 2009 to June 2010*

<b>AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR</b>	\$499,129.68
<b>BARTIER PERRY PTY LTD</b>	\$22,559.78
<b>BLAKE DAWSON WALDRON</b>	\$23,578.08
<b>CLAYTON UTZ LAWYERS</b>	\$876,061.69
<b>CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH</b>	\$769,131.97
<b>DEACONS</b>	\$132,249.59
<b>DLA PHILLIPS FOX</b>	\$103,977.13
<b>FFRENCH COMMERCIAL LAWYERS</b>	\$51,979.68
<b>FISHER CARTWRIGHT BERRIMAN</b>	\$492,695.73
<b>FREEHILLS</b>	\$390,645.20
<b>GADENS LAWYERS</b>	\$73,112.44
<b>HARMERS WORPLACE LAWYERS</b>	\$26,268.94
<b>HOLDING REDLICH LAWYERS</b>	\$184,822.74
<b>HOLMAN WEBB SOLICITORS</b>	\$19,939.72
<b>HUNT &amp; HUNT</b>	\$303,572.02
<b>LAVAN LEGAL</b>	\$6,640.57
<b>MACROSSANS LAWYERS</b>	\$5,050.83
<b>MADDOCKS</b>	\$6,687.40
<b>MAURICE BLACKBURN PTY LTD</b>	\$12,904.21
<b>MCCULLOUGH ROBERTSON LAWYERS</b>	\$167,543.53
<b>MINTER ELLISON LAWYERS</b>	\$199,454.71
<b>NORTON ROSE</b>	\$104,460.49
<b>PIPER ALDERMAN</b>	\$82,845.30
<b>RUSSELL KENNEDY PTY LTD</b>	\$4,581.94
<b>SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS</b>	\$143,552.69
<b>ZEEMAN &amp; ZEEMAN</b>	\$218,053.59

*Period July 2010 to January 2011*

<b>AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR</b>	\$141,338.75
<b>BARTIER PERRY PTY LTD</b>	\$3,865.36
<b>CLAYTON UTZ LAWYERS</b>	\$369,215.07
<b>CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH</b>	\$253,871.64
<b>DLA PHILLIPS FOX</b>	\$12,741.03
<b>FFRENCH COMMERCIAL LAWYERS</b>	\$32,332.70
<b>FISHER CARTWRIGHT BERRIMAN</b>	\$43,499.46
<b>FREDERICK JORDON CHAMBERS</b>	\$11,517.00
<b>FREEHILLS</b>	\$83,870.38
<b>GADENS LAWYERS</b>	\$7,399.14
<b>GORDON &amp; JACKSON</b>	\$9,823.51
<b>HOLDING REDLICH LAWYERS</b>	\$19,285.95
<b>HUNT &amp; HUNT</b>	\$40,476.32
<b>LAVAN LEGAL</b>	\$11,855.03
<b>MAURICE BLACKBURN PTY LTD</b>	\$8,738.36
<b>MCCULLOUGH ROBERTSON LAWYERS</b>	\$10,507.36
<b>MINTER ELLISON LAWYERS</b>	\$126,768.59
<b>NORTON ROSE</b>	\$440.00
<b>PIPER ALDERMAN</b>	\$25,530.29
<b>SPARKE HELMORE LAWYERS</b>	\$50,824.24
<b>ZEEMAN &amp; ZEEMAN</b>	\$19,059.70