

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question Number: W406-06

Question:

Senator Ludwig provided in writing:

1. In 2004/2005 did the Agency obtain any legal services using a direct sourcing procurement process?
2. If so, provide details including the name of the provider, the work involved and the cost?

Answer:

1. Yes
2. As at 21 June, the following legal services were obtained:

Frenkel Partners Lawyers – This involved specialist advice regarding Victorian legislation - \$2,805

De Silva Hebron Lawyers – This involved assistance with third party recovery action pursuant to section 50 of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* - \$32,725

Thompson Playford Lawyers – This involved assistance with reconsiderations and appeals. Thompson Playford assist panel firm Dibbs Barker Gosling with managing their South Australian workload - \$22,218