

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Cross Portfolio

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Legal Costs

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

Answer

For the period 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011 the spend on legal services from in-house areas for the department and statutory agencies is:

The Department spent \$20,067,411
Fair Work Australia spent \$0
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$0
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$2,925,458
Safe Work Australia spent \$0

In-house expenditure on legal services includes salaries, direct and indirect overhead costs.

The Department and its statutory agencies obtain legal services on the full range of matters within their jurisdiction.