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Question:

1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013
 1. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external
 2. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)
 3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

1. Nil on external legal services up to and including 28 February 2014.
 1. OIGIS has one, part-time, SES Band 1 officer with legal qualifications. It is estimated that approximately 35% of this officer's time involves providing legal services to the office. Between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014 this equates to approximately \$31,885 in salary related costs.
 2. No Counsel was briefed between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014.
 3. No external advice was procured between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014.