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Question:

What total amount has been expended on legal services since 18 November 2013? What amount was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor?

Answer:

Nil on external legal services up to and including 28 February 2014.

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. No Counsel was briefed between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014. No external advice was procured between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014.