

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 25 May 2006

**Question: HS44**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Core Department – Legal Services**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written**

**SENATOR LUDWIG** asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

- (1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

**Answer:**

The following response relates to the Department, excluding expenses associated with the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia. Those agencies will provide a separate response.

Figures quoted for 2005-2006 are for the period 1 July 2005 to 31 May 2006.

1. External legal services expenditure was in the sum of \$474,408.62.
2. Internal legal services expenditure (including associated staff costs, but not including office costs) was in the sum of \$314,230.51.
3. Projected legal services expenditure is in the vicinity of \$1,000,000.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$260.