

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Legal Costs**

Question: **135**

Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013**

- a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer**

- a) Total legal costs this financial year to 31 March 2013 **\$59,662 (ex-GST).**  
See tables below.
- b) AGS-related costs this financial year to 31 March 2013 **\$5,983 (ex-GST).**  
See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST) \$
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	captions and web content	4,600
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	Venue management system	1,383 <sup>1</sup>

- c) Private firm costs this financial year to 31 March 2013 **\$53,679 (ex-GST).**  
See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST) \$
Ashurst	workplace matters	12,786
Minter Ellison	PH documentation	4,500
Minter Ellison	Health and Recreation Centre	15,694
Minter Ellison	Contract	1,808
Sparke Helmore	contracts	2,595
King & Wood Malleson	contracts	2,700
Lander & Rogers	workplace matters	13,596

- d) Nil.

<sup>1</sup> In answer to a written Question on Notice from Senator Ryan from the Additional Estimates (February 2013), the figure provided was \$1,522 and incorrectly stated as GST exclusive. That figure is GST inclusive. The GST exclusive figure is \$1,383.