

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
Outcome/Program: 1
Topic: Legal costs

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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:

- (1) The Office does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received by it. To avoid accidental disclosure, only the total figures for legal service expenditure have been provided rather than a list of each service and costs. The Office spent \$20,200.91 on legal services this financial year to date.
- (2) \$18,769.09.
- (3) Nil
- (4) Case management advice, \$1,431.82