

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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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. Nil. There are no internal legal services at ANAO.
2. The following table lists ANAO legal services spend for financial year to date from Australian Government Solicitors.

Month Paid	Amount	Narrative
July 2012	\$6,162.50	Corporate Related Advice ¹
July 2012	\$7,680.50	Corporate Related Advice
July 2012	\$1,817.50	Audit Related Advice
Total	\$15,660.50	

¹ Corporate Related Advice covers all non-audit advice such as human resource management, contract management and legislation advice etc.

3. The following table lists ANAO legal services spend for financial year to date from private firms.

Month Paid	Amount	Narrative
July 2012	\$400.00	Corporate Related Advice
July 2012	\$128.00	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$2,695.35	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$2,280.45	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$60.90	Corporate Related Advice
Total	\$5,564.70	

4. The ANAO has not utilised legal services from sources other than those listed during the financial year to date.