

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2012**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Legal Costs

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** PM117

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 30 November 2012

**Number of Pages:** 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.

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.

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.

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:**

\$18,985.97 spent this FYTD (as at 15 October 2012), comprising \$15,208.69 for advice on FOI and privacy matters and \$3,777.28 for advice on general legal matters.

All advice was provided by the Australian Government Solicitor.

Nil.

Nil.