

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0207) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the total amount of litigation, internal and external legal costs accrued by the Department in the 2012-13 financial year to date? Give a breakdown on what the services were for and the cost attached to each of those services.

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012, \$10.507 million was spent on external litigation costs. A breakdown of these services and costs is provided in the following table:

2012-13 financial year to 31 December 2012

<i>Litigation expenditure</i>	\$million
External expenditure on solicitors ¹	8.161
External expenditure on counsel	1.939
Other disbursements on external legal services	0.406
total external	10.507

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012, \$3.070 million was spent on internal litigation costs. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the following table:

2012-13 financial year to 31 December 2012

<i>Total Internal litigation expenditure</i>	\$million
Employees	2.838
Overheads (for example office stores, stationery, training and travel)	0.232
total internal	3.070

¹ As the Department has entered into a 'fixed fee' arrangement for the payment of some of its litigation matters, this figure will also include some expenditure on counsel and disbursements that cannot be separately identified.