SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 20

Senator Kirk asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

How much has the department spent on outsourced barristers and solicitors for the current financial year?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Attorney-General's Department spent \$394,208.95 on outsourced barristers and \$5,255,519.51 on outsourced solicitors from 1 July 2005 to 13 June 2006. These figures are inclusive of GST and are not yet confirmed. A full reconciliation of the Department's legal expenditure will be done after the conclusion of the 2005-2006 financial year.