

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(16) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked

- (1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others)?
- (2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services?
- (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?

Answer:

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

- (1) From 1 July 2005 to 31 May 2006 the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs spent \$32.4m on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitors and any others).
- (2) From 1 July 2005 to 31 May 2006 the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs spent \$10.3m on internal legal services.
- (3) The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-07 is \$47m.

Migration Agents Registration Authority

- (1) From 1 July 2005 to 21 June 2006 the Migration Agents Registration Authority spent \$.05m on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitors and any others).
- (2) From 1 July 2005 to 21 June 2006 the Migration Agents Registration Authority spent nil on internal legal services.
- (3) The Migration Agents Registration Authority's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007 is \$.04m.

Refugee Review Tribunal/Migration Review Tribunal

- (1) From 1 July 2005 to 31 May 2006 the Refugee Review Tribunal/Migration Review Tribunal spent \$.06m on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitors and any others).
- (2) From 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 the Refugee Review Tribunal/Migration Review

Tribunal spent \$1.6m on internal legal services.

(3) The Refugee Review Tribunal/Migration Review Tribunal's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007 is \$1.7m.