

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 252

Topic: Legal Costs

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Senator Boyce asked:

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.

Answer:

The Department is unable to provide year-to-date portfolio expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor without diverting substantial resources.

Due to the complexities involved and the high level of resourcing required across the portfolio to collect the information, legal services expenditure is obtained and published once a year in the Department's Annual Report.

FaHCSIA's Annual report 2011-12 is available at:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about-fahcsia/publications-articles/corporate-publications/annual-reports/2012>