

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 57

Topic: Legal Costs

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Senator McKenzie asked:

What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

The sum that each Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) portfolio department and agency spent on legal services in the 2010-11 financial year from the Australian Government Solicitor, private firms and from other sources is provided below:

FaHCSIA Portfolio Legal Services Expenditure 2010-2011 (GST Inclusive)

| | Portfolio Total | FaHCSIA Department | Aboriginal Hostels Limited | Indigenous Business Australia | Indigenous Land Council | Outback Stores | Social Security Appeals Tribunal | Torres Strait Regional Authority | Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Inter agency legal services | \$14,519,111 | \$12,170,508 | \$0 | \$429,182 | \$624,342 | \$101,639 | \$233,295 | \$960,144 | \$0 |
| Legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor | \$3,603,162 | \$1,452,667 | \$68,804 | \$1,799,286 | \$0 | \$0 | \$83,536 | \$196,669 | \$2,200 |
| Legal services from private firms | \$4,689,413 | \$848,321 | \$109,575 | \$1,389,870 | \$1,200,624 | \$33,482 | \$35,371 | \$1,072,171 | \$0 |
| Legal services from other sources | \$90,626 | \$90,626 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

A list of each service and costs is not able to be provided without the diversion of substantial resources.