

**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:** 60

**Topic:** Legal Costs

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**Senator McKenzie** asked:

What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

The sum each Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) portfolio department and agency spent on legal services in the financial year to date is not able to be provided without the diversion of substantial resources.

However, the annual sum that each portfolio department and agency spent on legal services is published in the FaHCSIA Annual Report. The expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year is provided in the FaHCSIA Annual Report 2010-11, pages 179 – 181, Table 16.4 Legal services expenditure (\$, GST inclusive), 2010-11.

The FaHCSIA Annual Report 2010-11 is available at  
[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/publicationsarticles/corp/Pages/Annual\\_Report\\_2010-2011.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/publicationsarticles/corp/Pages/Annual_Report_2010-2011.aspx)