

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: AET 3449

Topic: Legal Costs (CALDB)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

3449. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013
- a. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external
 - b. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)
 - c. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

3449. A total of \$1679 was spent during the period.
- (a) The Australian Government Solicitor represented the CALDB at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court in relation to appeals and challenges by Respondents to the Board. The Advice was External and provided by AGS and involved a total of 5.6 hours.
 - (b) No Counsel were retained.
 - (c) We used the AGS as a member of ASIC's legal panel.