

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: AASB/AUASB**

**Question: AET 2570-2573**

**Topic: Legal Costs**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

2570. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency

2571. 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

2572. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)

2573. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

**Answer:**

|   |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
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| <b>AASB</b>   |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
| 1680 - 1683   |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 31/08/2015 | - | 21/09/2015 | 8,849  | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 25/09/2015 | - | 16/11/2015 | 3,795  | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 1/12/2015  | - | 27/01/2016 | 10,286 | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 1/02/2016  | - | 26/02/2016 | 7,565  | employment matters | external | male     |
| AGS   | 2/10/2015  | - | 19/10/2015 | 3,575  | employment matters | external | male/fem |
| AGS   | 19/10/2015 | - | 22/01/2016 | 1,275  | employment matters | external | male/fem |
|   |            |   |            | 35,344 |                    |          |          |
| no Counsel was briefed  |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
| legal services were procured from leagal services providers on the multi-use list |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
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| <b>AUASB</b>  |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
| 1680 - 1683   |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 25/09/2015 | - | 16/11/2015 | 3,795  | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 6/10/2015  | - | 23/11/2015 | 4,313  | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 16/11/2015 | - | 27/11/2015 | 7,200  | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 1/12/2015  | - | 21/01/2016 | 5,578  | employment matters | external | male     |
| Gadens Lawyers  | 9/02/2016  | - | 26/02/2016 | 3,230  | employment matters | external | male     |
|   |            |   |            | 24,115 |                    |          |          |
| no Counsel was briefed  |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |
| legal services were procured from leagal services providers on the multi-use list |            |   |            |        |                    |          |          |