

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: IGT
Question: AET 2606-2609
Topic: Legal Costs
Reference: Written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

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

2606. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency

2607. 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

2608. 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)

2609. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

2606. **Legal advice regarding lease of agency premises.**

2607. **\$14,654.39 (GST inclusive) involving 33 hours preparation. Provided by a senior executive lawyer from Australian Government Solicitor.**

2608. **Not applicable.**

2609. **In accordance with procurement guidance and the Legal Services Directions 2005.**