

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman

Question No: 52

Topic: Legal costs

Reference: Written

Senator: Bilyk, Catryna

Question:

1. What was the Ombudsman's office's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided?
3. Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided?

Answer:

- 1-2. \$4,936.80 (GST inclusive) for advice on Alternative Dispute Resolution Deed and related documents.
3. There is no Contract Notice for this expense since notices are published via Austender only for contracts exceeding \$10,000.