

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

29 May – 31 May 2012

**Question: BET 1049-1052**

**Topic: Legal Costs (APRA)**

**Hansard Page: Written (received from Committee – 13 June 2012)**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1049. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1050. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1051. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
1052. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

1049. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) spent \$1,617,977.71 on legal services for the financial year to 31 May 2012.
1050. APRA spent \$6,300.20 on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year to 31 May 2012.
1051. APRA spent \$1,466,924.58 on legal services from private firms for the financial year to 31 May 2012.
1052. The sum spent on legal services from other sources for the financial year to 31 May 2012 was \$144,752.93 (counsel briefed directly).