

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: IGT

Question: BET 456-459

Topic: Departmental Dispute Resolution

Reference: written - 17 June 2015

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

456. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
457. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
- a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
 - b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
 - c) When the contract with the firm commenced.
 - d) When the contract with the firm will expire.
 - e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
 - f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.
458. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
459. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
- a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
 - b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
 - c) When the contract with the firm commenced.
 - d) When the contract with the firm will expire.
 - e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
 - f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.

Answer:

456. In accordance with Part 9 of the agency's Enterprise Agreement or agency policy as appropriate.
457. No.
458. The agency has a general policy of adopting the Department of the Treasury's policies and procedures. In the event that an issue arises, the agency consults with the Treasury as service provider and seeks assistance where appropriate. Matters may also be referred to an external provider.
459. No.