Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: CAMAC Question: SBT2651-2654 Topic: Legal Costs (CAMAC)

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 2651. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
- 2652. 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
- 2653. 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)
- 2654. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

2651 – 2654: The total legal costs incurred by CAMAC since the June 2014 budget estimates in relation to its closure was \$13,404, in the form of \$3,404 for advice from the AGS and \$10,000 for advice on various matters from a Sydney Counsel.