

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: AASB/AUASB

Question: 3199-3202

Topic: Legal Costs

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 3199. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
- 3200. 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
- 3201. 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)
- 3202. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer:

AASB

3199. Nil

3200. Not Applicable

3201. Not Applicable

3202. Not Applicable

AUASB

3199. Advice disclosure Employee records

3200. \$550.00

3201. 1-2 hours, male lawyer

3202. Advice was provided orally.