

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: ACNC

Question: SBT 1338-1341

Topic: Legal Costs

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1338. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency.

1339. 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.

1340. 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).

1341. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.

Answer:

1338. Total legal costs incurred by ACNC to 30 October 2015 for external advice: \$63,485.28.

1339. List set out in table below

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1341. See table below

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Cost	\$13,769.00	\$9,090.91	\$4,685.73	\$10,397.73	\$9,500.00	\$13,181.00	\$2860.91
Source of legal advice	Australian Government Solicitor	Clayton Utz	Greens List Barristers	List A Barristers	Mills Oakley Lawyers	Mills Oakley Lawyers	Greens List Barristers
Hours	17h:42m	17h:20m	23.75	15h:25m	Flat rate		14h:50m
Level of counsel; Direct/indirect; Gender	Senior executive lawyer	Various – partner; special counsel; lawyer	Junior Counsel Direct F	Queens Counsel Direct F	Various – Partner; associate		Junior Counsel Direct F
Internal/External	External	External	External	External	External	External	External
How procured	LSMUL & Technical specialist	LSMUL Technical specialist	Technical specialist	Technical specialist	LSMUL	LSMUL	Technical specialist

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