

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: RAM**

**Question: SBT 2375-2378**

**Topic: Legal Costs**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since 1 January 2015:

2375. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency

2376. 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

2377. 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)

2378. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

**Answer:**

2375. Refer table below.

2376. Refer table below – all legal advice in the period was sourced from external providers

2377. Refer table below.

2378. Refer table below – all legal providers were sourced from legal panels available for Mint use.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Approx. time to prepare</b>	<b>Amount (ex-GST)</b>
<b>ASHURST AUSTRALIA</b>	Employment advice – underperformance	1:30	627.00
<b>AUSTRALIAN GOVT. SOL</b>	Solar Project Contract		17,066.00
<b>DLA PIPER AUSTRALIA</b>	"Sovereign" Trade Mark Advice		9,471.83
<b>HWL EBSWORTH LAWYERS</b>	Tender negotiations	7:00	3,150.00
<b>K&amp;L GATES</b>	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	13:48	22,135.00
<b>K&amp;L GATES</b>	Employee advice - underperformance		2,976.00
<b>MADDOCKS</b>	Coin copyright infringement	1:00	5,308.35
<b>MINTER ELLISON</b>	Scoping Study	15:30	6,978.40
<b>MINTER ELLISON</b>	Head of Agreement template	5:48	2,593.80
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>70,306.38</b>