

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000544

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ARC: Legal Costs

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
2. 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
3. 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)
4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.

1. Total of \$70,550 (Salaries, wages and superannuation \$64,553; Legal services \$5997)
2. Data not recorded
3. The ARC did not engage Counsel for period of 14 September 2015 till 31 January 2016.
4. Not applicable.