

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: AITSL

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000556

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. ED0461_15

AITSL: 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 Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response for the period 14 September 2015 to 10 February 2016:

1. \$14,396.25 (Inc GST)
2. Data Not Recorded
3. Nil
4. The legal services provided by the external solicitor were obtained in accordance with AITSL's Procurement Policy.