

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

1. What was the Department's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided?
3. Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on AusTender please be provided?

Answer:

1 & 2.

In accordance with the *Legal Services Directions 2005* issued by the Attorney-General, at the end of each financial year, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) publishes on its website the total internal and external legal services expenditure, including total expenditure on counsel. PM&C's legal services expenditure report for 2015-16 is also published on the PM&C's website. PM&C is required to publish its legal services expenditure for 2016-17 by 30 October 2017.

The provision of point-in-time information or costings by legal matter additional to the above annual reporting obligation would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3.

See attached list of contract notices for legal services published by PM&C in the 2016 calendar year. PM&C notes that the value is the expected maximum value of the contract estimated at the time the contract was made—not the actual costs incurred.

Contract Notice Published - Legal Services									
Date Range: 1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016									
Agency	CN ID	Supplier Name	Supplier ABN	Category	Publish Date	Start Date	End Date	Value (AUD)	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3314627	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	7-Jan-16	4-Dec-15	30-May-16	115,500.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3315348	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	14-Jan-16	6-Jan-16	30-Jun-16	140,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3321991	ADDISONS	55365334124	Legal services	18-Feb-16	29-Jan-16	31-Mar-16	20,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3321996	Minter Ellison Lawyers	91556716819	Legal services	18-Feb-16	28-Jan-16	30-Jun-16	41,820.79	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3322025	Minter Ellison Lawyers	91556716819	Legal services	18-Feb-16	12-Nov-15	30-Jun-16	29,820.79	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3326301	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	10-Mar-16	1-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	76,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3327858	ASHURST AUSTRALIA	75304286095	Legal services	17-Mar-16	16-Mar-16	15-Apr-16	12,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3327859	DLA PIPER AUSTRALIA	83508451308	Legal services	17-Mar-16	15-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	110,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3333644	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	14-Apr-16	4-Apr-16	30-Jun-16	76,830.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3333650	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	14-Apr-16	4-Apr-16	11-Apr-16	16,142.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3333652	ATTORNEY GENERALS DEPT	37467566201	Legal services	14-Apr-16	30-Mar-16	30-Apr-16	12,200.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3333684	ASHURST AUSTRALIA	75304286095	Legal services	14-Apr-16	17-Mar-15	30-Jun-16	34,691.41	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3335380	MINTER ELLISON	91556716819	Legal services	21-Apr-16	15-Apr-16	30-Jun-16	40,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3336918	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	28-Apr-16	26-Apr-16	30-Jun-16	20,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3342670	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	19-May-16	29-Apr-16	30-Jun-16	122,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3351476	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	16-Jun-16	9-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	17,660.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3354264	ASHURST AUSTRALIA	75304286095	Legal services	24-Jun-16	1-Jul-16	30-Jun-17	140,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3356865	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	30-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	30-Jun-17	30,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3356869	Minter Ellison Lawyers	91556716819	Legal services	30-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	30-Jun-17	81,500.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3361547	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	14-Jul-16	4-Jul-16	30-Jun-17	950,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3363380	Maddocks Lawyers	63478951337	Legal services	21-Jul-16	26-Feb-16	5-May-16	23,920.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3369134	ASHURST AUSTRALIA	75304286095	Legal services	11-Aug-16	21-Jul-16	30-Jun-17	72,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3369141	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	11-Aug-16	1-Jul-16	31-Oct-16	75,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3372295	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	26-Aug-16	1-Jul-16	30-Jun-17	50,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3373716	HWL EBSWORTH LAWYERS	37246549189	Legal services	2-Sep-16	1-Jul-16	30-Jun-17	30,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3377421	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	21-Sep-16	29-Jul-16	30-Jun-17	15,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3377433	RUSSELL KENNEDY LAWYERS	14940129185	Legal services	21-Sep-16	12-Aug-16	30-Jun-17	46,200.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3377856	ASHURST AUSTRALIA	75304286095	Legal services	22-Sep-16	25-Aug-16	30-Jun-17	100,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3377858	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	22-Sep-16	11-May-16	30-Jun-17	35,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3380342	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	6-Oct-16	10-Aug-16	30-Sep-16	20,200.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3384019	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	27-Oct-16	1-Nov-16	31-Mar-17	77,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3384022	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	27-Oct-16	19-Oct-16	30-Jun-17	16,023.40	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3384024	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	27-Oct-16	20-Oct-16	31-Jan-17	74,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3384039	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	27-Oct-16	30-Jun-16	1-Sep-16	25,673.82	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3384040	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	27-Oct-16	31-May-16	21-Jun-16	20,000.00	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3388257	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	17-Nov-16	15-Sep-15	4-Aug-16	19,968.60	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	CN3395990	AUST GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	69405937639	Legal services	23-Dec-16	15-Dec-16	30-Jun-17	22,000.00	