

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

What was the APSC's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016?

Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided?

Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided?

Answer:

The APSC's total expenditure on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) for the calendar year 2016 was \$239,568.25 (GST inclusive).

The costs for each legal matter were as follows:

Collective Agreement advice	\$7084
Australian Public Service Commissioner's Directions amendment advice	\$34271.66
Employment matters advice	\$7873.04
Federal Register of Legislative Instruments fees	\$1200
Good faith bargaining advice	\$97860.56
Industry Award advice	\$85313.77
Internal Staffing advice	\$4242.15
Merit Protection Commissioner Advice	\$876.59
Second Counselling by external firms	\$324.5
Secondment proposal advice	\$551.98

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