

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Cost of legal services**

Question: **50 – amended**

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 July 2015

Senator LUDWIG: For the contracts that have been issued over the last 12 months, can you provide what the legal services spend was on and to whom?

Ms Croke: I can take that on notice.

Senator LUDWIG: Do you have a panel system in place?

Ms Croke: We do. We use the government panels.

Senator LUDWIG: You then select off those panels which solicitors. That might be the easiest: if you provide what the contract amount over the last 12 months was for, to whom it was paid and what it was for, for the legal advice that was obtained.

Ms Croke: Is that the current financial year?

Senator LUDWIG: Yes.

Ms Croke: Okay.

Answer

External Legal Services (for this financial year to 30 June 2015):

Service Provider	Description	Amount Paid (excl. GST)
Ashurst Australia	Enterprise Bargaining Legal Support	\$42,643.17
Ashurst Australia	Sensitive Security Matter	\$14,752.80
Ashurst Australia	New SES Determination	\$2,807.70
Ashurst Australia	ADJR Proceedings	\$21,373.40
Ashurst Australia ²	Long Service Leave Regulations	\$4,000.00
Australian Government Solicitor	Access request from former member	\$5,981.50
Australian Government Solicitor	Security Advice	\$15,451.00
Australian Government Solicitor	Privilege Matter	\$78,242.48
Australian Government Solicitor	Child Care Centre Licence	\$727.00
Australian Government Solicitor	Heritage Provisions	\$7,507.50
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice on PID Act	\$2,271.00
Australian Government Solicitor	DPS Template Deed of Standing Offer	\$2,925.00
Australian Government Solicitor	Uninterrupted Power Supply Agreement	\$8,425.50
Australian Government Solicitor ¹	AGS advice on a new policy proposal	\$1,420.50
Australian Government Solicitor ²	Application of the Public Works Act	\$5,136.00
Australian Government Solicitor ²	Drafting of Scanner Maintenance Contract	\$4,343.50
Maddocks Australia	Audio Visual Asset Management and Archiving (AVAMA) System Contract Advice	\$6,036.00
Minter Ellison	Legal Review of Procurement Templates	\$39,362.70

¹ This amount was not previously included because it was incorrectly classified on the Department's financial system.

² Costs incurred from 26 June to 30 June 2015.