

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 2/2.3

**Topic:** Cost of legal fees relating to compensation claims

**Senator:** Xenophon

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**Question:**

Can the Department provide updated information on the amount of money spent on legal fees in proceedings in the ACT court and all other courts and jurisdictions?

**Answer:**

Please refer to table one. These figures include claims where court proceedings have been commenced by a plaintiff to protect their legal position. The claim may eventually resolve without further steps in the proceedings taking place.

**Table one – Legal spend on *Cornwell*-type claims in court proceedings.**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ACT Supreme Court	\$7,290,611.12
Federal Court of Australia	\$537,444.62
Supreme Court of New South Wales	\$438,316.86
Supreme Court of Victoria	\$77,261.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,343,637.53</b>