

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2012

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Question: **AET 327 - 330**

Topic: **Legal Costs (ACCC)**

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

327. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
328. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
329. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
330. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

327. The expenditure on legal services within the ACCC for the financial year to date is \$4 100 144.
328. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year to date is \$8 520 824. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$6 656 634 and on Legal Counsel Fees in the amount of \$1 864 190.
329. The ACCC's expenditure on legal services from private firms for the financial year to date is \$5 757 626. This is comprised of expenditure on Professional Service Fees in the amount of \$4 543 653 and on Legal Counsel Fees in the amount of \$1 213 973.
330. Nil.