

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
 Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
 Additional Estimates Hearing 2012-13
 13 February 2013

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Legal Costs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-137

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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

Costs for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 January 2013 are provided in the following table. Costs are GST exclusive.

Please refer to AI-169 for CSIRO costs from 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012. Costs for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 are provided in the following table.

Agency	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4
DIISRTE	\$2,283,237	\$510,262	\$1,246,327	\$34,989
AIATSI	\$29,533	Nil	\$29,533	Nil
AIMS	\$249,468	Nil	Nil	Nil
ANSTO	\$380,000	\$15,440	\$386,123	Nil
ARC	\$55,317	\$52,370	Nil	Nil
ASQA	\$154,790 ¹	\$41,411	\$41,019	Nil
CSIRO ³	\$1,777,261	\$255,371	\$192,910	\$5,600
IP Australia	\$81,510	\$253,219	\$50,159	Nil
TEQSA	\$214,171 ²	\$4,758	\$7,289	Nil

¹ This figure does not include overhead costs as complete data for the financial year to 31 January 2013 is not currently available.

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³ On the basis previously agreed with the Office of Legal Services Co-Ordination, this does not include any amounts paid to law firms outside Australia for legal services provided to the CSIRO in connection with the CSIRO's WLAN litigation.