

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 1488**

**Topic: Legal costs**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1488. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013
- a. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external
  - b. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)
  - c. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

**Answer:**

1488. Nil