

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 - 2 November 2006

Question: **sbt24**

Topic: **Costs of Legal Services**

Hansard Page: **Written**

Senator LUDWIG asked:

- (1) What sum did the department spend during 2005-2006 on external
 - (a) barristers and
 - (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the department spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

Answer:

- (1) The information sought is not readily available in the form requested, and would be a major task to collect and assemble. However, a sum of \$1,588,799.85 was spent during 2005-2006 on total external legal advice.
- (2) Nil
- (3) \$1.5m to \$2m.