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Question No: SBT 485 - 492
Topic: ACCC Legal Costs
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Senator Bushy asked:

485. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
486. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
487. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
488. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
489. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
490. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
491. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
492. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

485. The ACCC expensed \$6.563m on legal services within the agency in 2010-11. Of this, \$5.319m were employee costs and \$1.244m were operating costs.

486. The ACCC expensed \$17.586m on services from the Australian Government Solicitor in 2010-11, represented by:

Professional Fees	\$11.754m
Disbursements	\$1.651m
Legal Counsel	\$4.181m

487. The ACCC expensed \$7.762m on services from private firms in 2010-11, represented by:

Professional Fees	\$4.697m
Disbursements	\$0.525m
Legal Counsel	\$2.540m

488. Nil

489. The ACCC has expensed \$2.137m for the FYTD (as at 30 September 2011) on legal services within the agency. Of this, \$1.956m were employee costs and \$0.181m were operating costs.

490. The ACCC has expensed \$4.621m for the FYTD (as at 30 September 2011) on services from the Australian Government Solicitor, represented by:

Professional Fees	\$3.429m
Disbursements	\$0.220m
Legal Counsel	\$0.972m

491. The ACCC has expensed \$2.954m for the FYTD (as at 30 September 2011) on services from private firms, represented by:

Professional Fees	\$2.011m
Disbursements	\$0.271m
Legal Counsel	\$0.672m

492. Nil