

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
15 FEBRUARY 2007  
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Corporate**

**Question Number:** W1169-07

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page: 63

**SSAT appeals**- What costs are associated with these appeals including costs of any external counsel briefed and other associated court costs?

**Answer:**

Centrelink provides legal services (including advocacy services in Administrative Appeal Tribunal appeals) to the department under the Business Partnership Agreement. These services are funded through the Centrelink Funding Model.

To provide an answer to this question would involve collation of individual Centrelink advocates' time, any external legal fees charged to Centrelink as well as disbursements on a case by case basis.

This information is not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$30.