

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM0476_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - Legal Costs

List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013
1. 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
2. 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)
3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice

Answer

FWBC has spent \$1,175,059.94 since 7 September 2013.

A breakdown of the costs is provided below:

Overall

Summary	Amount
COUNSEL	\$ 356,061.91
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 761,560.86
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 57,437.17
Grand Total	\$1,175,059.94

By Code

G/L Code	Amount
AGS - Counsel Costs	\$ 29,885.68
AGS - Disbursements	\$ 7,795.83
AGS-Professional Fees	\$ 173,677.00
Court Fees	\$ 18,206.09
Examination Costs	\$ 180.00
Priv Prov - Counsel	\$ 326,176.23
Priv Prov-Disbursements	\$ 27,321.73
Priv Prov-Professional Fees	\$ 587,883.86
Process Servers	\$ 1,832.87
Witness Expenses	\$ 2,100.65
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,175,059.94

Professional Fees by Law firm

Professional Fees	Amount
ASHURST	\$137,186.35
BARTIER PERRY	\$ 12,014.51
CLAYTON UTS MELBOURNE	\$105,482.90
CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH	\$183,873.13
Coulson Legal Pty Ltd	\$ 26,000.00
FOX TUCKER LAWYERS	\$ 17,694.95
GADENS LAWYERS	\$ 3,714.20
MCCULLOUGH ROBERTSON LAWYERS	\$ 810.00
NORTON ROSE AUSTRALIA	\$ 51,500.30
PHILLIPS FOX LAWYERS	\$ 6,929.52
PIPER ALDERMAN MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	\$ 42,678.00
TOTAL	\$587,883.86

By Counsel

Counsel	Amount
AGS	\$ 29,885.68
A J DEVER PTY LTD	\$ 20,709.09
A J POWER	\$ 7,162.02
ASHURST	\$ 12,683.46
C J MURDOCH	\$ 9,990.00
CLAYTON UTZ MELBOURNE	\$ 38,905.43
CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH	\$ 70,432.97
DOMINIC HENLEY KATTER	\$ 6,827.19
ERIK YOUNG	\$ 30,731.82
GORDON AND JACKSON BARRISTERS	\$ 5,146.36
HERBERT, ANDREW	\$ 8,066.36
Howard Zelling Chambers	\$ 13,912.41
LIST A BARRISTERS Pty Ltd	\$ 6,689.09
LIST G BARRISTERS	\$ 8,331.83
NORTON ROSE AUSTRALIA	\$ 9,648.94
PETTIT, KENNETH MALCOLM	\$ 38,932.50
PHILLIP COLEMAN BARISTER	\$ 8,670.91
PIPER ALDERMAN MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	\$ 11,784.09
STEPHEN MCDONALD	\$ 11,226.60
YOUNG'S LIST P/L	\$ 6,325.16
TOTAL	\$ 356,061.91

Counsel by Brief and Gender

Counsel	Briefs	Amount
Male	31	\$341,141.43
Female	4	\$ 14,920.48
TOTAL	35	\$356,061.91

Counsel By Brief Method

COUNSEL	Amount
Direct	\$ 182,721.34
Indirect	\$ 173,340.57
TOTAL	\$ 356,061.91