

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Indigenous Business Australia

Question Number: W372-06

Question:

Senator Ludwig provided in writing:

In 2004/2005 did the Agency obtain any legal services using a direct sourcing procurement process? If so, provide details including the name of the provider, the work involved and the cost?

Answer:

IBA has a standing arrangement with Mallesons Stephen Jaques (MSJ) as a result of an open tender process outlined in response to question 320. During 2004-05 total MSJ Costs were \$288,905.

MSJ provide a variety of legal advice and services, including the legal agreements for entry into and exit from IBA 's Investments which can cover such things as due diligence work, setting up of legal structures, assisting with agreements with Joint Venture partners and with potential purchasers of IBA interests. Also assisting with other legal matters such negotiating major leasehold agreements in respect of IBA 's property investments and interpretation of legislation.