

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E348_07

Senator Ludwig requested in writing.

Question:

- 1) What sum did the department or agency spend during the financial year 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, individuals, the Australian Government Solicitor, and any others)?
- 2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services?
- 3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?

Answer:

Spend on external legal services

The department's total spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services was \$2,348,155.

Spend on internal legal services

The department's total spend during 2005-2006 on internal legal services was \$4,660,572. This amount includes all legal staff salary costs and superannuation (\$2,157,489), specific legal unit administration costs and a proportion of total departmental overhead costs (\$2,503,083).

Projected expenditure 2006-2007

External legal services \$2,046,000.

Internal legal services \$5,039,325. This amount includes all legal staff salary costs and superannuation (\$2,403,168), specific legal unit administration costs and a proportion of total departmental overhead costs (\$2,636,157).