

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0029\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Legal Costs**

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.

**Answer**

For the period 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011 the spend on legal services from Australian Government Solicitor for the department and statutory agencies is:

The Department spent \$1,129,771  
Fair Work Australia spent \$154,920  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$191,495  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$179,007  
Safe Work Australia spent \$7,048

The Department and its statutory agencies obtain legal services on the full range of matters within their jurisdiction.