

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

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0030\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Legal Costs**

What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? 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 private firms for the department and statutory agencies is:

The Department spent \$1,239,069

Fair Work Australia spent \$8,737

Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$2,948,153

Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$2,746,451

Safe Work Australia spent \$316,711

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