

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

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

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0031_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Legal Costs

What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer

For the period 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011 the spend on legal service from other sources for the Department and statutory agencies is:

The Department spent \$276,088
Fair Work Australia spent \$7,800
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$1,026,149
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$754,402
Safe Work Australia spent \$21,579

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