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

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E748_07

Senator Ludwig requested in writing.

Questions:

- a) What sum did the department spend during the financial year 2005-2006 on external:
- (i) Barristers; and
 - (ii) Solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor, and any others)?
- b) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services?
- c) What is the department projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?

Answer:

Spend on external Barristers

The department's total spend during 2005-2006 on external Barristers was \$18,925.

Spend on external Solicitors

The department's total spend during 2005-2006 on Solicitors was \$2,329,230. This amount includes disbursement costs.

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 \$1,892,000.

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).