

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

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

**Cross Portfolio**

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**Senator Back provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Cost of Legal Service's 2010/11 and 2011/12 FYTD**

- "1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
5. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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**

1. For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 the spend on legal services from in-house areas for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$22,795,535

Fair Work Australia spent \$0

Australian Building and Construction Commissioner: expenditure amounts are not available

Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$4,858,604

Safe Work Australia spent \$0

In-house expenditure on legal services includes salaries, direct and indirect overhead costs.

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

2. For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 the spend on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$1,472,695  
Fair Work Australia spent \$178,480  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$309,878  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$289,407  
Safe Work Australia spent \$7,156

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3. For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 the spend on legal services from private firms for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$1,591,815  
Fair Work Australia spent \$13,025  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$3,716,915  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$2,108,710  
Safe Work Australia spent \$349,466

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4. For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 the spend on legal services from other sources for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$317,156  
Fair Work Australia spent \$9,100  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$1,416,766  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$1,146,464  
Safe Work Australia spent \$1,279

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5. For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 the spend on legal services from in-house areas for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$8,245,048  
Fair Work Australia spent \$0  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner: expenditure amounts are not available  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$1,737,080  
Safe Work Australia spent \$0

In-house expenditure on legal services includes salaries, direct and indirect overhead costs.

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6. For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 the spend on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$704,890  
Fair Work Australia spent \$213,674  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$237,396  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$220,350  
Safe Work Australia spent \$8,385

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7. For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 the spend on legal services from private firms for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$662,307  
Fair Work Australia spent \$40,118  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$818,229  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$534,549  
Safe Work Australia spent \$0

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8. For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 the spend on legal services from other sources for the department and statutory agencies was:

The Department spent \$65,847  
Fair Work Australia spent \$0  
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner spent \$352,103  
Fair Work Ombudsman spent \$401,566  
Safe Work Australia spent \$0

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