

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0482_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Cost of Legal Services 2012/13 FYTD

- “1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date 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 this financial year to date 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 this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.”

Answer

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 the spend on legal services from in-house areas for the department and statutory agencies was:

DEEWR	\$6,480,034
Fair Work Australia	\$20,450
Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate	Expenditure amounts are not available
Fair Work Ombudsman	\$1,907,120
Safe Work Australia	\$186,241
Comcare	\$3,578,568
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority	\$0
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited	\$0

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 the spend on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the department and statutory agencies was:

DEEWR	\$348,816
Fair Work Australia	\$135,465
Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate	\$167,306
Fair Work Ombudsman	\$65,503
Safe Work Australia	\$0
Comcare	\$229,281
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority	\$31,578
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited	\$0

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 the spend on legal services from private firms for the department and statutory agencies was:

DEEWR	\$41,013
Fair Work Australia	\$260,938
Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate	\$803,429
Fair Work Ombudsman	\$259,980
Safe Work Australia	\$420
Comcare	\$532,812
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority	\$0
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited	\$51,232

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 the spend on legal services from other sources for the department and statutory agencies was:

DEEWR	\$55,594
Fair Work Australia	\$259,997
Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate	\$112,182
Fair Work Ombudsman	\$339,471
Safe Work Australia	\$0
Comcare	\$11,207
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority	\$0
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited	\$0

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