Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011 Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 51

Senator Trood asked in writing

- a) 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.
- b) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend of legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- c) 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.
- d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend of legal services FYTD for other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

AusAID spend \$172,894 on legal services for the FYTD, excluding internal staff time. A summary of the services and costs, including the cost of services from the Australian Government Solicitor and private firms, is provided below:

	Australian Government	Private Firms (\$)	Other Sources (\$)	Total (\$)
	Solicitor (\$)			
Freedom of information advice	42,964	-	-	42,964
Australian Civilian Corp advice	13,940	-	-	13,940
Employment and taxation advice	2,632	21,509	-	24,141
Lease and property advice	-	23,316	-	23,316
Procurement and contract advice	-	22,876	-	22,876
Trademark advice	-	25,408	-	25,408
Other advice	7,510	12,739	-	20,249
	67,046	105,848	-	172,894