

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Legal Costs**

Question: **73**

Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 March 2012**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- (a) Total legal costs \$110,206 (ex-GST). See tables below.
- (b) AGS-related costs \$ 25,533 (ex-GST). See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST)
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	administrative matters	25,533

- (c) Private firm costs \$ 84,673 (ex-GST). See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST)
Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	workplace matters	66,393
Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	transfer of business	4,235
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	contracts	14,045
<b>Total</b>		<b>84,673</b>

- (d) Nil.