

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2012
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Legal costs

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: PM103

Type of Question: Written

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

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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:

\$77,094.01, comprising \$38,511.53 for advice on FOI and privacy matters and \$38,582.48 for advice on general legal and employment matters.

All advice from the Australian Government Solicitor.

Nil.

Nil.