

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Legal Costs**  
 Question: **115**  
 Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 April 2013**

- a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this FYTD within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- b) 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.
- c) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer**

- a) Total legal costs this financial year to 31 December 2012 \$45,550 (ex-GST).  
See tables below.
- b) AGS-related costs this financial year to 31 December 2012 \$ 6,122 (ex-GST).  
See table below.

| legal services provider               | service—advice related to:                        | cost (ex-GST)<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) | captions and web content accessibility guidelines | 4,600               |
|                                       | Venue management system                           | 1,522               |

- c) Private firm costs this financial year to 31 December 2012 \$39,428 (ex-GST).  
See table below.

| legal services provider | service—advice related to:   | cost (ex-GST)<br>\$ |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ashurst                 | workplace matters            | 6,497               |
| Minter Ellison          | PH documentation             | 4,500               |
| Minter Ellison          | Health and Recreation Centre | 15,694              |
| Sparke Helmore          | contracts                    | 1,321               |
| King & Wood Malleson    | contracts                    | 2,700               |
| Lander & Rogers         | workplace matters            | 8,716               |

- d) Nil.