

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Answers to written Questions on Notice  
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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Senate

**Topic:** Legal costs

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 33

**Type of question:** Written

**Questions**

**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.**

**Answer**

Nil. The department does not have an internal legal area.

**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.**

**Answer**

Amounts are GST exclusive

<b>Detail service and cost:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Legal advice – Parliamentary privilege and data ownership	11,087
Legal advice - contract *	1,383
Legal advice - indemnity	686
	13,156

\* Indirect payment – House of Representatives invoiced – Payment for 1/3 reimbursement

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**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.**

**Answer**

Amounts are GST exclusive

<b>Detail service and cost: Services</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Legal advice - employment issues	307
Legal advice - seminar	3,451
Legal advice - health and safety advice	11,518
Legal advice - personnel	5,551
Legal advice - Enterprise Agreement negotiations	10,758
	31,585

**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**

Not applicable.

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