

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Legal Costs

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- a. 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.
- 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 financial year to date 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 financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

- a. Nil. There are no internal legal services at ANAO. Costs for externally provided legal services are provided in our responses to question b. To d.
- b. The following table lists ANAO legal services spend for financial year to date from Australian Government Solicitors.

Month Paid	Amount	Narrative
Jul 2012	\$6,162.50	Corporate Related Advice ¹
Jul 2012	\$7,680.50	Corporate Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$1,817.50	Audit Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$1,695.61	Corporate Related Advice

¹ Corporate Related Advice covers all non-audit advice such as human resource management, contract management and legislation advice etc.

Nov 2012	\$2,900.00	Corporate Related Advice
Dec 2012	\$1,833.50	Corporate Related Advice
Jan 2013	\$23,754.00	Corporate Related Advice
Jan 2013	\$540.00	Corporate Related Advice
Total	\$46,383.61	

- c. The following table lists ANAO legal services spend for financial year to date from private firms.

Month Paid	Amount	Narrative
Jul 2012	\$400.00	Corporate Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$128.00	Corporate Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$535.05	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$2,695.35	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$2,280.45	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$60.90	Corporate Related Advice
Sep 2012	\$450.00	Corporate Related Advice
Sep 2012	\$3,385.05	Corporate Related Advice
Sep 2012	\$1,716.00	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$495.85	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$2,456.70	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$1,100.00	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$7,732.95	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$3,336.25	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$8,987.65	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$3,027.25	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$2,940.15	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$1,479.80	Corporate Related Advice
Total	\$43,207.40	

- d. The ANAO has not utilised legal services from sources other than those listed during the financial year to date.