

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
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Senator: Ryan
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Question:

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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:

- (1) The Office does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received by it. As such only total figures for legal service expenditure have been provided rather than a list of each service and costs. The Office spent \$7,456.90 on legal services this financial year to date.
- (2) \$7,456.90.
- (3) Nil
- (4) Case management advice, \$1,431.82