

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services and agencies

Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 26 May 2005

Question: HS77

Outcome 1, Output 2

Topic: Child Support Agency – Legal Expenses

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services, upon notice, on 26 May 2005:

1. Please indicate how much was spent on legal services by the Child Support Agency in 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.
2. For each of these financial years, please provide a list of all legal firms that were paid by the CSA for legal services. Please also indicate how much was paid to these legal firms in each of these years.

Answer:

1.

Year	\$
2001/2002	\$1,169,197.82
2002/2003	\$1,478,109.75
2003/2004	\$1,848,485.60
2004/2005	\$2,355,240.04

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2.

Year	AGS	Corrs Chambers Westgarth	Phillips Fox	Minter Ellison	Insolvency & Trustee Service	Clayton Utz	Geoffrey Edwards & Co	Ferrier Hodgson	Deacons	Franklin Athanasellis	Total
2001/02	\$1,143,575.88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,353.88	\$3150.40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,152,080.16
2002/03	\$1,340,333.98	\$5003.24	\$0	\$0	\$5,233.39	\$15,492.67	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,366,063.28
2003/04	\$1,788,986.89	\$4517.15	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,852.47	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,812,356.51
2004/05	\$1,982,109.63	\$13,957.90	\$27,976.17	\$816.75	\$2015.12	\$109,493.62	\$1,688.50	\$13,930.84	\$25,948.60	\$167,865.47	\$2,345,802.60

2004/05 figures in both tables are for the 11 months to 31 May 2005