

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 25 May 2006

**Question: HS47**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Medicare Australia - Legal Services**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written**

**SENATOR LUDWIG** asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

- (1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

**MR HOCKEY** - The answer to the honourable member's question is as follows:

- (1) Total spend on external legal services for 2005-06 (invoices received and paid as 31 May 2006) was \$897,054 (GST inclusive).
- (2) Total spend on internal legal services for 2005-06 (up to 31 May 2006) was \$1,134,241 (GST inclusive).
- (3) Projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-07 is \$2,900,000 (GST inclusive).

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 17 hours at an estimated cost of \$887.