

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: HS49

Outcome #, Output #

Topic: Australian Hearing - Legal Service Costs

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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.

Answer:

1. Australian Hearing spent \$281,112.50 as at 31 May 2006 for the 2005-2006 period.
2. Australian Hearing had nil spend on internal legal services.
3. Australian Hearing's budgeted expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007 is \$385,059.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3 hours at an estimated cost of \$176.