

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: HS50

Outcome #, Output #

Topic: Health Services Australia - Legal Expenses

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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 are the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007

Answer:

1. HSA has spent \$207,015 on external legal costs for the period 1 July 2005 to 31 May 2006.
2. HSA has expended no money on internal legal services.
3. HSA has budgeted for \$220,000 for 2006 – 2007.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 5 minutes at an estimated cost of \$69.