

**Finance and Public Administration Legislative Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Australian Public Service Commission**

Estimates 2006-07 – Budget Estimates, May 2006

**Question: PM 39**

**Topic:**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- (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) The APS Commission spent \$150,686 (incl GST) on external legal services in 2005-06 up to 15 June 06.

92) In 2005-06 the APS Commission employed three people who performed a legal role. These employees performed other duties from time to time: for example providing secretariat support on corporate governance work. It is not possible to identify separately the time spent on these other roles. The Commission spent \$309,000 on these staff for the year 2005-06; this figure includes salaries, leave, superannuation and training costs but does not include corporate support costs such as computing, cleaning, and rent.

3) The Commission's projected expenditure on legal services (internal and external) for 2006-07 is \$448,000.