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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Answer to Question on Notice (PM 42)

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Commonwealth Ombudsman

Estimates 2006-07 – Budget Estimates, May 2006

Question on Notice from Senator Ludwig:

1. What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-06 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 2006-07

Answer:

1. Expenditure in 2005-06 on external legal services was \$9,286 excl gst
2. Expenditure on internal legal services for 2005-06 was \$256,415 excl gst. This figure includes salaries and attributed on-costs.
3. Projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-07 is \$257,422 excl gst. This figure includes salaries, attributed on-costs and budgeted legal consultancies.