

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Legal Costs**
Question: **92**
Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 6 July 2012

1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer

1. Total legal costs as at 31 May 2012 \$196,175 (ex-GST). See tables below.
2. AGS-related costs as at 31 May 2012 \$44,707 (ex-GST). See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST)
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	administrative matters	\$ 44,707

3. Private firm costs \$151,468 (ex-GST). See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST)
Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	workplace matters	\$ 124,578
Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	transfer of business	\$ 4,235
King & Wood Mallesons (Mallesons Stephen Jaques)	contracts	\$ 22,655

4. Nil.