

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office**

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic: Legal Costs**

**Senator: Ryan**

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**Question:**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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:**

- a. Nil. There are no internal legal services at ANAO.
- b. The following table lists ANAO legal services spend for financial year to date from Australian Government Solicitors.

<b>Month Paid</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
Jul 2012	\$6,162	Corporate Related Advice <sup>1</sup>
Jul 2012	\$7,680	Corporate Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$1,817	Audit Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$1,696	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$2,900	Corporate Related Advice
Dec 2012	\$1,833	Corporate Related Advice
Jan 2013	\$23,754	Corporate Related Advice
Jan 2013	\$540	Corporate Related Advice
Apr 2013	\$5,014	Corporate Related Advice
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,398</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Corporate Related Advice covers all non-audit advice such as human resource management, contract management and legislation advice etc.

- c. The following table lists ANAO legal services spend for financial year to date from private firms.

<b>Month Paid</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
Jul 2012	\$400	Corporate Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$128	Corporate Related Advice
Jul 2012	\$535	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$2,695	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$2,280	Corporate Related Advice
Aug 2012	\$61	Corporate Related Advice
Sep 2012	\$450	Corporate Related Advice
Sep 2012	\$3,385	Corporate Related Advice
Sep 2012	\$1,716	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$496	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$2,457	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$1,100	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$7,733	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$3,336	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$8,988	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$3,027	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$2,940	Corporate Related Advice
Nov 2012	\$1,480	Corporate Related Advice
Jan 2013	\$2,894	Corporate Related Advice
Feb 2013	\$1,470	Corporate Related Advice
Mar 2013	\$2,519	Corporate Related Advice
Mar 2013	\$1,115	Corporate Related Advice
Apr 2013	\$1,060	Corporate Related Advice
Apr 2013	\$3,498	Corporate Related Advice
Apr 2013	\$1,120	Corporate Related Advice
Apr 2013	\$500	Corporate Related Advice
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,384</b>	

- d. The ANAO has not utilised legal services from sources other than those listed during the financial year to date.