

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 1 November 2005

**Question: HS31**

**Outcome 1, Output 2**

**Topic: Child Support Agency**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice:**

**SENATOR EVANS** asked on 1/11/05:

1. Please provide an update to the information provided in response to question on notice HS 74 from May Estimates.
2. Please provide an update to the information in response to question on notice HS 17 from February Estimates.
3. Please indicate how much was spent on legal services by the Child Support Agency in 2004-05.
4. Please provide a list of all legal firms that were paid by the CSA for legal services. Please also indicate how much was paid to these legal firms in 2004-05.

Answer:

1. **DATA AS AT 22 November 2005**  
**Employees actual classification level as at**  
**22 Nov 2005**

<b>BY LEVEL AND GENDER</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
APS1	4	5	9
APS2	45	26	71
APS3	941	364	1305
APS4	746	202	948
APS5	295	85	380
APS6	263	101	364
EL1	121	62	183
EL2	30	31	61
SES1	4	4	8
SES2	1		1
SES3		1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2450</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>3331</b>

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**DATA AS AT 22 November 2005**

**Employees actual status as at 22 Nov 05**

<b>BY STATUS</b>	
Full time	2835
Part Time	496
Total	3331

**DATA AS AT 22 November 2005**

**Employees actual physical location as at 22 Nov 05**

Adelaide SA	259
Albury NSW	84
Ballina NSW	5
Bendigo VIC	4
Brisbane CBD QLD	526
Bunbury WA	6
Bundaberg QLD	6
Cairns QLD	7
Campbelltown NSW	5
Canberra Belconnen ACT	79
Canberra National Office ACT	196
Coffs Harbour NSW	4
Dandenong VIC	64
Darwin NT	2
Dubbo NSW	5
Frankston	6
Geelong VIC	82
Gosford NSW	4
Hobart TAS	131
Launceston TAS	6
Mackay QLD	5
Maroochy QLD	5
Maroochydore QLD	1
Melbourne Central	470
Morwell VIC	5
Mount Gambier SA	2
Newcastle NSW	215
Palm Beach QLD	5
Parramatta NSW	152
Penrith NSW	119
Perth WA	327
Port Augusta SA	1
Rockhampton QLD	5

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Sydney CBD NSW	202
Toowoomba QLD	8
Townsville QLD	127
Wagga Wagga NSW	5
Wollongong NSW	196
Grand Total	3331

**SALARY BANDS BY CLASSIFICATION**

**As from 1 July 2005**

APS Equivalent	CSA Classification	Salary Range \$
APS 1	CSO 1	33,555 – 36,034
APS 2	CSO 2	37,750 – 40,743
APS 3	CSO 3	41,847 – 45,166
APS 4	CSO 4	46,642 – 51,205
APS 5	CSO 5	52,021 – 55,726
APS 6	CSO 6	57,585 – 64,543
EL 1	EL 1	72,028 – 85,687 – now includes AWA maximum
EL 2	EL 2	88,524 – 106,780 – now includes AWA maximum

**Locations where CSA leases property as at 22 November 2005.**

Site Location	Expiry date	Annual Rent * 2005-06 \$
Brisbane CBD	30.09.2009	1,772,938
Adelaide CBD	31.05.2011	1,089,522
Perth CBD	31.07.2011	747,660
Wollongong CBD	31.08.2012	686,232
Hobart CBD	30.11.2013	495,192
Newcastle CBD	07.04.2014	782,244
Melbourne CBD	31.05.2014	1,673,929

\*Annual Rent is exclusive of GST and does not include building and tenant outgoings.

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**Locations where CSA is collocated with ATO in ATO leased property as at 22 November 2005**

<b>Site Location</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>Payment to ATO* 2005-06</b>
Townsville CBD	28.02.2007	688,891
Sydney CBD	31.12.2007	1,313,490
Parramatta	28.02.2007	947,535
Penrith	07.12.2011	749,670
Belconnen	28.02.2007	1,706,151
Geelong	18.05.2008	360,820
Albury	31.12.2007	539,641
Dandenong	31.12.2008	211,194
Darwin	31.08.2010	48,199

\* Payment includes space, fit out and facilities.

**Small numbers (3 – 7) of CSA staff are located in Centrelink offices in the following locations (as at 22 November 2005). CSA reimburses Centrelink for the usage of their office space and facilities.**

**QLD**

Bundaberg  
Cairns  
Mackay  
Maroochydore  
Rockhampton  
Toowoomba  
Palm Beach

**NSW/ACT**

Ballina  
Campbelltown  
Coffs Harbour  
Dubbo  
Gosford  
Wagga Wagga

**VIC/TAS**

Bendigo  
Frankston  
Mowbray  
Morwell

**SA/NT**

Mount Gambier  
Port Augusta

**WA**

Bunbury

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2. Please see Attachment A.
3. As at 30 June 2005, CSA has spent a total of \$2,746,893.13 on outsourced legal services for the financial year 2004/2005.
4. In 2004/2005, CSA paid the following amounts to these contracted organisations:

Corrs Chambers Westgarth	\$ 63,020.19
Minter Ellison	\$ 816.75
Sparke Helmore	\$ -
Australian Government Solicitors	\$ 2,325,681.06
Franklin Athanasellis	\$ 186,358.45
Philips Fox	\$ 27,976.17
Clayton Utz	\$ 136,680.77
	\$ 2,740,533.39

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**Attachment A**

**Active cases showing client numbers, total and average liability<sup>1</sup> and amounts paid by State, June 2005**

State or Territory <sup>2</sup>	Payer cases by State/Territory		Payee cases by State/Territory		Payer to Payee transfers	
	Number	Average Liabilities (\$)	Number	Average Entitlements (\$)	Amount Transferred (\$)	Average Amt Transferred (\$)
Aust.Cap. Territory	10,189	4,408	10,399	4,199	39,435,021	4,179
New South Wales	224,045	3,698	221,772	3,667	741,564,523	3,642
Northern Territory	8,096	3,392	6,897	2,994	19,093,739	3,032
Queensland	158,655	3,318	159,390	3,382	496,283,160	3,388
South Australia	58,710	3,203	59,543	3,267	178,323,557	3,331
Tasmania	20,415	2,703	21,201	2,913	55,366,257	2,955
Victoria	155,768	3,885	156,479	3,858	555,746,204	3,850
Western Australia	72,572	3,981	72,037	3,952	261,839,825	3,978
International	20,623	4,025	21,415	4,070	49,848,835	2,400
Unknown	88	7,922	28	5,301	130,866	4,847
<b>Total</b>	<b>729,161</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>729,161</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>2,397,631,987</b>	<b>3,584</b>

Note 1: Average liabilities only apply to active cases with a non-nil liability

Note 2: State or Territory base on payer or payee postcode, if no postcode then on payer or payee Office.