

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and Agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 October, 2006

Question: HS53

Outcome 1, Output 3

Topic: CRS Australia – Legal Services

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SENATOR LUDWIG asked on 31/10/2006:

- (1) What sum did the department spend during 2005-2006 on external
 - (a) barristers and
 - (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the department spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

Answer:

CRS Australia:

- (1) For the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, CRS Australia spent the following on external legal services:
 - (a) Nil
 - (b) \$247,497.88
- (2) Please refer to HS46 from the May 2006 Budget Estimates hearing.
- (3) \$247,000

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$187.