

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and Agencies

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Question: HS55

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Medicare Australia - Legal Services

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SENATOR LUDWIG asked on 31/10/06:

- (1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 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 2006-2007.

Answer:

For Medicare Australia:

- (1) the total spent on external legal services for 2005-06 was \$985,503 (excluding GST).
- (2) the total spent on internal legal services for 2005-06 was \$1,075,675 (excluding GST)
- (3) the projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-07 is \$2,442,958 (excluding GST).

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 7 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$561.