

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: HS56

Outcome #, Output #

Topic: Australian Hearing – Legal Service Costs

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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:

- (1) Australian Hearing has spent \$353,753 on external legal costs for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.
- (2) Please refer to HS49 from the May 2006 Budget Estimates hearing.
- (3) Please refer to HS49 from the May 2006 Budget Estimates hearing.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$228.