

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation
Committee—Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2006**

Answers to Questions on Notice

**Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary
Services**

Topic: Legal services expenditure 2005-06

Question P7

Senator Ludwig asked:

- 1 What sum did the department spend during 2005-06 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 2006-07?

Answer

- 1 During 2005–06, DPS spent the following amounts on external:
 - (a) barristers—NIL; and
 - (b) solicitors—\$69,715.36.
- 2 DPS does not employ any staff to provide legal advice. DPS has recently extended a Standing Offer with a panel of private legal firms to provide legal services as required.
- 3 DPS has budgeted \$70,000 for expenditure on legal services in 2006–07.