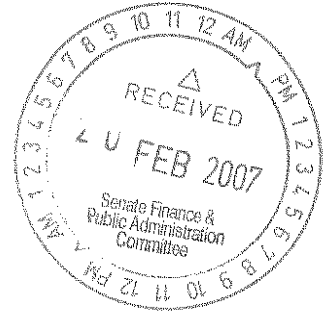


**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**National Water Commission**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings 2006-07**  
**(Question No. PM30)**



**Senator Stephens asked:**

1. Has the projected expenditure of \$200,000 during 2006/2007 on external legal services been revised up or down since your last appearance at Budget Estimates this year?
2. Please provide a table listing legal firms, expenditure and purpose of service covering each year the NWC has been in existence?

**Answer:**

1. The projected expenditure of \$200,000 during 2006/2007 on external legal services has not been revised since the Commission's last appearance at Budget Estimates.
2. Please see attachment.

## LEGAL SERVICE EXPENDITURE FOR THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION

Year	Legal Firm	Purpose of Service	Expenditure (\$)
2004/05	Australian Government Solicitors	Property lease	15,125.45
		Operation of National Water Commission	3,379.20
		Operation of Australian Water Fund	8,800.00
		Development of Standard Funding agreements	359,645.13
2005/06	Australian Government Solicitors	NWC Act 2004	8,800.00
		NWC annual report	4,130.50
		Instrument for short absence of Chair	3,644.30
		Water Smart Australia Programme	2,816.55
		NWC business activities	11,000.00
		Water Smart Australia Programme	8,133.40
		NSW Water Management Act	8,800.00
		Water Assessment	9,076.04
		Water Smart Australia Programme	4,150.30
		Water Smart Australia Programme	10,319.98
		External service provider contract	611.60
		Water Smart Australia Programme	1,434.40
		Agreement advice	9,440.44
		Water Smart Australia Programme	2,090.00
	Phillips Fox	Establishment of expert panel	11,138.60
		Advice on benchmarking project	2,528.90
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2006/07	Australian Government Solicitors	Water Smart Australia Programme	10,821.80
		Water Smart Australia Programme	2,026.75
		External service provider agreement	6,775.45
		FOI advice	1,822.70

		Water Smart Australia Programme	5,816.25
		External service provider agreement	9,180.60
	Phillips Fox	Water Smart Australia Programme	6,372.30
		Water Smart Australia Programme	6,649.50
		FOI advice	9,677.80
		Panel appointments and deeds	1,128.60
		Advice on benchmarking project	38,898.48
		Confidentiality Deed Template	930.60