

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-2007, 30 October 2006

Question: PM 70

Outcome 1, All Outputs

Topic: Legal services expenses

Direct on Notice:

Senator Ludwig asked:

- (1) What sum did the department or agency 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 or agency spend on internal legal services?
- (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?

Answer:

1. The department spent:
 - (a) \$10,936 in expenses on external barristers for the 2005-06 financial year;
 - (b) \$1,627,239 in expenses on external solicitors for the 2005-06 financial year.
2. Refer to our response to PM 37 from May 2006 Budget Estimates Hearings.
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