

**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Commonwealth Ombudsman Office**

Estimates 2006-07 — Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2006

**Question: PM 70 - 77**

**Topic: Costs of Legal Services**

**The Committee asked:**

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. a. Nil
  - b. \$10,778, excluding GST
2. \$258,160 excluding GST
3. \$257,422 excluding GST