

Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Legal costs

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Question

- a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer

- a. The Parliamentary Budget Office has engaged the Australian Government Solicitor and Ashurst Australia to provide legal services, as detailed in (b) and (c) below.
- b. The Parliamentary Budget Office has incurred expenses of \$9,643.80 for legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor.
- c. The Parliamentary Budget Office engaged Ashurst Australia to provide advice on employment arrangements, at a cost of \$13,444.59.
- d. Nil.