

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Legal costs FYTD**  
 Question: **220**  
 Hansard reference **F&PA p., 15 October 2012**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 November 2012**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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**

- Total legal costs this financial year to 30 September 2012—\$32,606 (ex-GST). See tables below.
- AGS-related costs this financial year to 30 September 2012 \$4,600 (ex-GST). See table below.

<b>legal services provider</b>	<b>service—advice related to:</b>	<b>cost (ex-GST)</b>
		<b>\$</b>
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	captions and web content accessibility guidelines	4,600

- Private firm costs \$28,006 (ex-GST). See table below.

<b>legal services provider</b>	<b>service—advice related to:</b>	<b>cost (ex-GST)</b>
Ashurst	workplace matters	6,491
Minter Ellison	PH documentation	4,500
Minter Ellison	Health and Recreation Centre	15,694
Sparke Helmore	contracts	1,321

- Nil.