

# 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 2011–12**

Question: **221**

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 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 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 for 2011-12 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

### Answer

- Total legal costs for 2011–12—\$213,255 (ex-GST). See tables below.
- AGS-related costs for 2011–12—\$48,972 (ex-GST). See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST) \$
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	administrative matters	44,707
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	25th Anniversary book	1,273
Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)	Secretary recruitment	2,992

- Private firm costs \$164,283 (ex-GST). See table below.

legal services provider	service—advice related to:	cost (ex-GST) \$
Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	workplace matters	124,578
Ashurst (Blake Dawson)	transfer of business	4,235
King & Wood Mallesons (Mallesons Stephen Jaques)	contracts	22,655
Minter Ellison	licences	5,000
Sparke Helmore	contracts	7,815

- Nil.