

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 16**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:**

Expenditure on outsourced barristers and solicitors:

\$1,132,391.92 was expended on external barristers and \$4,564,108.90 on external solicitors by the Department. Please breakdown these figures to indicate expenditure to the AGS and private firms.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

In 2004-05, the Attorney-General's Department spent \$5,696,500.82 inclusive of GST on external legal services providers. Details of the breakdown of that expenditure are as follows.

Barristers:		\$1,132,391.92
External solicitors and law firms:		
Australian Government Solicitor:	\$4,463,039.61	
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions:	\$ 99,099.29	
Ian Leader-Elliott	\$ 1,870.00	
Peter Bayne:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$4,564,108.90</u>
Total		<u>\$5,696,500.82</u>

These figures differ from the figures for 2004/05 contributions in the answer to Question on Notice Number 235 of 2005. The answer to Question on Notice Number 235 did not include GST.

These figures exclude amounts of legal services expenditure relating to the *Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction* and the *United Nations Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance* and international obligations under various bilateral maintenance arrangements. During the 2004-2005 financial year, these figures were recorded in classifications not limited to or restricted to the purchase of a range of other services relating to Australia's international obligations under the above Conventions, eg translation services.