

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (AE12/0118) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Legal 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 cost.

*Answer:*

The legal services rendered during these periods were for legal advice and litigation related services. The following is a breakdown of external legal services by Professional Fees, Counsel and Disbursements.

#### Current financial year to 31 December 2011

<i>Agency's total AGS legal services expenditure</i>	<i>\$million</i>
External expenditure on solicitors <sup>1</sup>	3.708
External expenditure on counsel	0.854
Other disbursements on external legal services	0.194
<b>total external</b>	<b>4.756</b>

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<sup>1</sup> As the Department has entered into a 'fixed fee' arrangement for the payment of some of its litigation matters, this figure will also include some expenditure on counsel and disbursements that cannot be separately identified.