

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

**Output 1.4**

**Question No. 30**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:**

In relation to output 1.4: Legal services and policy advice on international law:

- (a) How much was set aside for overseas travel relating to the negotiation of bilateral agreements dealing with offshore maritime security?
- (b) What has happened to the under-spend estimated at about half a million dollars including whether this will be restructured or re-phased and what it was not spent on?

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

- (a) \$101,795
- (b) The underspend in the Office of International Law (OIL) for 2005-06 will be aggregated as part of the overall result for the Department. The majority of the OIL underspend relates to overseas travel costs not incurred in 2005-06, including travel for offshore maritime security, which was not able to be undertaken during this year. Apart from travel, the remaining underspend was largely due to delays encountered in the recruitment of staff. Budget funding allocated to OIL in 2006-07 includes approximately \$360,000 for work not undertaken in 2005-06 now anticipated for 2006-07.