

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 OCTOBER 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(224) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

- (1) What sum did the department spend during 2005-2006 on external
 - (a) barristers and
 - (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the department spend on internal legal services?
- (3) What is the department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

Answer:

- (1) The Department's total external legal services expenditure for 2005-06 was \$34.7m. The Department is unable to breakdown the cost of these services, however, the breakdown for the provision of litigation services is:
 - (a) \$4.7m;
 - (b) \$24.1m.
- (2) The Legal Division expenditure for internal services was \$12.5m.
- (3) The Department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-07 is \$51.2m.