

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0080) Program : Internal Product

Senator Humphries (L&CA written) asked:

What sum did each portfolio Department and Agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor, and FYTD? 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.

2010-11 financial year

<i>Agency's total AGS legal services expenditure</i>	<i>\$million</i>
External expenditure on solicitors ¹	4.910
External expenditure on counsel	0.554
Other disbursements on external legal services	0.272
total external	5.736

Current financial year to 30 September 2011

<i>Agency's total AGS legal services expenditure</i>	<i>\$million</i>
External expenditure on solicitors ²	1.931
External expenditure on counsel	0.354
Other disbursements on external legal services	0.118
total external	2.403

1 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.

2 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.