

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0081) 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 private firms and FYTD? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

The legal services rendered during these periods by private firms (excluding AGS) 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 Other Firms legal services expenditure</i>	<i>\$million</i>
External expenditure on solicitors ¹	10.736
External expenditure on counsel	1.322
Other disbursements on external legal services	0.621
total external	12.679

Current financial year to 30 September 2011

<i>Agency's total Other Firms legal services expenditure</i>	<i>\$million</i>
External expenditure on solicitors ²	2.273
External expenditure on counsel	0.252
Other disbursements on external legal services	0.290
total external	2.815

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