

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Transport and Regional Services

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Consideration of Senate Budget Estimates May 2005

Question No.: AA 01

Topic: Employee Accreditation

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

The questions for all Departments and Agencies under your Portfolio. It is a follow-up to a question we asked in December 2004:

Regarding the employees that Department or Agency has identified as having:

- a) fluency
- b) accredited translator
- c) accredited interpreter

Of these employees, please indicate what the Department is doing in order to make full use of its employees skills in this regard, and please provide a breakdown of this between employees whose accreditation was paid for by the Department and those whose were not?

Answer:

Airservices Australia has not identified any employees, as having language fluency, as accredited translators or accredited interpreters.

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Question No.: AA 02

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

What amount did the Department/Agency spend during the financial year 2004/2005 on outsourced legal practitioners (including private firms, individuals, the Australian Government Solicitor, and any others)?

Answer:

As at 21 June 2005, total outsourced legal expenditure is \$3,100,362.

Note - all figures are exclusive of GST.

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Question No.: AA 03

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

What was the budgeted amount for outsourced legal practitioners in 2004/2005?

Answer:

\$2,958,19.

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Question No.: AA 04

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

What amount did the Department/Agency spend on internal legal services? (Provide an estimate if exact amount is unavailable).

Answer:

As at 31 May 2005 - \$1, 014, 353. Full year estimate \$1, 134, 411.

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Question No.: AA 05

Topic: Legal Services Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

Does the Department/Agency have an in-house legal section? If so, what was the 2004/2005 actual cost of this section?

What was the budgeted amount for this section in 2004/2005?

What is the budget amount for this section in 2005/2006?

Answer:

\$1.014M as at 31 May 2005

\$1.417M

\$1.408M

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Question No.: AA 06

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

What is the total projected expenditure on legal services for 2005/2006 for the Department/Agency?

Answer:

The current estimated forecast for legal services 2005/2006 is \$2, 164, 123.

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Question No.: AA 07

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

Which organisations or individuals were contracted to provide legal services to the Department/Agency in 2004/2005?

Answer:

Legal Fees excluding GST by Supplier from 1 July 2004 - 21 June 2005

Allens Arthur Robinson	730,192
Australian Government Solicitor	6,611
Blake Dawson Waldron	66,431
Bowman Gilfillan	64,329
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	1,184,911
Ebsworth and Ebsworth	169,243
Freehill Hollingdale	207,635
Lee and Li	658
Minter Ellison	555,627
Malleson Stephen Jaques	92,652
Thompson Playford	22,076
	TOTAL 3, 100, 362

Note all figures are exclusive of GST.

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Question No.: AA 08

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

In each instance, how much was each organisation or individual paid for these services?

Answer:

Please refer to **AA 07** response.

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Question No.: AA 09

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

Does the Department/Agency use an open tendering or select tendering process (as described in the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, p 42) when procuring legal services?

Answer:

Airservices Australia uses an open tendering process, rather than select tendering, when procuring legal services through a tender process.

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Question No.: AA 10

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

If a select tendering process is used: (a) which method of select tendering is used and (b) which firms or individuals are currently eligible to tender for legal services?

Answer:

Not applicable.

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Question No.: AA 11

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

If a multi-use list is used: (a) which firms or individuals are currently on that list and (b) when was the list last opened for applications?

Answer:

Not applicable.

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Question No.: AA 12

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

In 2004/2005, did the Department/Agency obtain any legal services using a direct sourcing procurement process? If so, provide details including the name of the provider, the work involved and the cost?

Answer:

Yes. Details as follows:

Name of Provider:	Work Involved:	Costs:
Allens Arthur Robinson	National Airways System (NAS)	\$730,192
Australian Government Solicitor	Eligibility under terrorism insurance	\$6,611
Blake Dawson Waldron	Various IR/HR matters	\$66,431
Bowman Gilfillan Attorneys	Air Traffic and Navigation Services Tender (South Africa)	\$64,329
Ebsworth and Ebsworth	Terrorism insurance and Telecommunications Infrastructure Network Replacement contract	\$169,243
Freehill Hollingdale	NAS and general patent advice	\$207,635
Lee and Li	Advice re. consultancy agreement (Taiwan)	\$658
Thompson Playford	Property matters – Adelaide	\$22,076

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Question No.: AA 13

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

In 2004/2005, did the Department/Agency procure any legal services under the thresholds required for ‘covered procurements’ (within the meaning of 8.6 of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines)? If so, provide details including the name of the provider, the work involved and the cost.

Answer:

No. Airservices Australia did not procure any legal services under the thresholds required for ‘covered procurements’.

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Question No.: AA 14

Topic: Legal Service Expenditure

Hansard Page: Not applicable – post hearing additional written question

Output: Airservices Australia

Senator Ludwig asked:

In 2004/05 did the Department/Agency contract any legal firms to provide services other than legal services (such as consulting, conduct of policy reviews etc)? If so, provide details including the name of the firm, the project involved and the cost of the contract.

Answer:

Yes, Minter Ellison was retained to conduct a compliance review for Airservices Australia. Costs for 2004/2005 = \$20, 860