

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Transport and Regional Services**

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Consideration of Senate Budget Estimates May 2005

**Question No.:** AMSA 01

**Topic:** Employee Accreditation

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable – additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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

Regarding the employees that your 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:**

Not applicable. See AMSA's advice in the answer to the questions asked in November 2004.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 02

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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**

AMSA spent \$113,600 in 2004-2005 on external legal services.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 03

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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

**Answer**

AMSA does not budget separately for external legal services as this expenditure is included as part of individual project management costs and is not separately itemised.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 04

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable – additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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

**Answer**

AMSA estimates that gross salary expenditure on provision of internal legal services will be \$165,000 in 2004-2005.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 05

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable – additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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**

Yes. The estimated total actual salary cost of AMSA's Legal Services Section in 2004-2005 will be \$165,000. The budgeted cost in 2004-2005 was \$176,500. The budgeted cost in 2005-2006 is \$197,000.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 06

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable – additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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

**Answer**

AMSA does not budget separately for legal services as this expenditure is included as part of individual project management costs and is not separately itemised.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 07

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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

**Answer**

In 2004-2005, AMSA's legal panel comprised the Australian Government Solicitor, Blake Dawson Waldron, Clayton Utz, Minter Ellison, and Phillips Fox. AMSA also engaged the services of two barristers in relation to its statutory enforcement role.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 08

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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

**Answer**

During 2004-2005, AMSA paid the Australian Government Solicitor \$23,900; Minter Ellison \$16,000; and Phillips Fox \$68,500. Blake Dawson Waldron and Clayton Utz have not been paid for legal services to date during 2004-2005. The two barristers engaged in relation to AMSA's statutory enforcement role were paid a total of \$5,200.



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**Question No.:** AMSA 09

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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**

AMSA used an open tender process to establish its legal panel.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 10

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable – additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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.:** AMSA 11

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable – additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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.:** AMSA 12

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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**

No. AMSA only obtained legal services from its legal panel during 2004-2005.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 13

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 14

**Topic:** Legal Service Expenditure

**Hansard Page:** Not applicable - additional post hearing written question

**Output:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**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**

No.