

Safe Work Australia

Legal Services Expenditure Report

2022-2023



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As a non-corporate Commonwealth entity, Safe Work Australia (SWA) is required (consistent with the *Legal Services Directions 2017*) to report its legal services expenditure to the Office of Legal Services Coordination (OLSC) within 60 days of the end of financial year and publish this expenditure by 30 October each year. This published report is a summary of the information we reported to OLSC for the 2022-2023 financial year.

Information in this report

All figures in this report are exclusive of GST and rounded to the nearest dollar. The categories included in this report are:

- total internal legal services expenditure
- total external legal services expenditure
- total value of disbursements; and
- total value of professional fees.

For more information about the guidelines we used to prepare this report, please refer to the [Reporting of legal services expenditure for reporting period 2022-23](#) page on the Attorney-General's website.

1.1 Legal services expenditure

Table 1 Summary of total legal services expenditure 2022-23

Item	Value
Internal legal services expenditure	\$1,399,806
External legal services expenditure	\$120,767
Total value of disbursements	Nil
Total legal services expenditure	\$1,520,573

Table 2 Overview of external legal services expenditure 2022-23

Item	Value
Total value of Whole of Australian Government legal services panel fees	Nil
Other Government providers fees	Nil
Overseas legal services providers	Nil
Domestic Provider – Australian Government Solicitor	\$103,087
Domestic Provider – Clayton Utz	\$17,680
Total value of external legal expenditure 2022-23	\$120,767

Table 3 Comparison with 2021-22

Item	2021-22	2022-23	Difference
Internal expenditure	\$1,091,898	\$1,399,806	\$307,908
External expenditure	\$166,012	\$120,767	-\$45,245
Total legal expenditure	\$1,257,910	\$1,520,573	\$262,663