Legal Services Expenditure Report 2023-24



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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 2023-2024 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 <u>Reporting of legal services expenditure for reporting period 2023-24</u> page on the Attorney-General's Department website.

1.1 SWA Legal services expenditure

Table 1 Summary of total legal services expenditure 2023-24

Item	Value
Internal legal services expenditure	\$1,357,854
External legal services expenditure	\$335,985
Total value of disbursements	\$36,044
Total legal services expenditure	\$1,693,839

Table 2 Overview of external legal services expenditure 2023-24

Item	Value
Total value of Whole of Australian Government Legal Services Panel fees	Nil
Other Government Providers fees	\$1,152
Overseas Legal Services Providers	Nil
Domestic Provider – Australian Government Solicitor	\$121,276
Domestic Provider – Clayton Utz	\$126,722
Domestic Provider – Maddocks	\$43,244
Total value of external legal expenditure 2023-24	\$335,985

Table 3 Comparison with 2022-23 financial year

Item	2022-23	2023-24	Difference
Internal expenditure	\$1,399,806	\$1,357,854	-\$41,952
External expenditure	\$120,767	\$335,985	\$215,218
Total legal expenditure	\$1,520,573	\$1,693,839	\$173,266