MR HORAN asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)—

QUESTION:

What is the total cost of outsourced legal services provided for his department for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 (reported separately) and who provided the legal work undertaken by each legal service provider (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The tables below list the service providers who provided outsourced legal services for the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries for 2003-04, 2004-05 and for 2005-06 as at 31 May 2006.

These tables do not include legal services sourced from or through Crown Law, which is a division of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

2003-04 Financial Year

Legal Service Provider	Amount
3 Private Counsels (Advocacy) - 10 payments	$ 25,718
Sparke Helmore (Advocacy)	$ 187
Minter Ellison – 5 payments	$ 8,081
Allens Arthur Robinson – 3 payments	$ 11,635
Private Counsels – 11 payments	$ 18,450
McCullough Robertson	$ 10,082
Francis Abourizk Lightowlers – 4 payments	$ 14,013
Freehills – 5 payments	$ 115,348
Total for the 2003-04 Financial Year	**$203,514**

2004-05 Financial Year

Legal Service Provider	Amount
4 Private Counsels (Advocacy) – 13 payments	$41,993
Innovation Law	$ 1,852
Minter Ellison	$ 500
Francis Abourizk Lightowlers – 2 payments	$ 3,944
Freehills	$ 3,850
Private Counsels – 3 payments	$ 6,342
McCullough Robertson	$ 3,484
Farrellys Lawyers	$ 2,694
Clayton Utz – 9 payments	$53,274
SM Coates – 5 payments	$41,020
Total for the 2004-05 Financial Year	**$158,953**

2005-06 Financial Year (to 31 May 2006)

Legal Service Provider	Amount
3 Private Counsels (Advocacy) – 9 payments	$ 20,680
Minter Ellison	$ 8,165
Innovation Law – 3 payments	$ 3,610
Private Counsels – 9 payments	$ 16,522
Clayton Utz – 4 payments	$ 11,685
Francis Abourizk Lightowlers	$ 10,600
McCullough Robertson	$ 8,075
Macrossan Amit	$ 176
Thynne & Macartney	$ 98
Total for the 2005-06 Financial Year (to 31 May 2006)	**$79,611**