



Australian Government

**Office of the Australian Building and
Construction Commissioner**

This is a statement of legal services expenditure by the Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (the ABCC) for 2009/10 financial year, published in compliance with paragraph 11.1 (ba) of the *Legal Services Directions 2005*.

<i>Agency's total legal services expenditure</i>	\$9,066,124.02
<i>Agency's total external legal services expenditure</i>	\$ 5,407,688.94
External expenditure on solicitors	\$3,301,429.14
External expenditure on counsel	\$1,764,352.41
Number of male counsel briefed	31
Number of female counsel briefed	6
Other disbursements on external legal services	\$341,907.39
<i>Agency's total internal legal services expenditure</i>	
Salaries (includes base salary, recreation leave, long service leave, employer superannuation and performance pay)	\$3,658,435.08

Explanatory Notes

- All amounts shown are GST inclusive
- "External expenditure on solicitors" includes all disbursements save for counsel's fees.
- **"Other disbursements on external legal services" comprises fees paid to external law firms on account of lawyers seconded to the ABCC during the period.**
- "Total internal legal services expenditure" includes salaries and other direct on-costs identified above only as it is impractical to calculate internal legal add-on costs.