



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 2007/08 financial year, published in compliance with paragraph 11.1 (ba) of the *Legal Services Directions 2005*.

<i>Agency's total legal services expenditure</i>	\$5 163 034.12
<i>Agency's total external legal services expenditure</i>	\$2 930 057.29
External expenditure on solicitors	\$1 897 260.40
External expenditure on counsel	\$970 692.78
Number of male counsel briefed	27
Number of female counsel briefed	7
Other disbursements on external legal services	\$62 104.11
<i>Agency's total internal legal services expenditure</i>	\$2 232 976.83
Salaries (includes base salary, recreation leave, long service leave, employer superannuation and performance pay)	\$2 232 976.83

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 costs of hearing transcripts, witness expenditure and other legal expenses
- "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.