



FOI 21/22-0863 – Legal and specialist services, used by the Procurement, Legal Services, and HR branches of the NDIA

Scope

...information about the legal and specialist services, used by the Procurement, Legal Services, and HR branches of the NDIA, specifically:

1. *Procurement and Corporate Services Branch*
2. *Legal – General Advice and Legislation team*
3. *Legal – Corporate and Commercial team*
4. *Legal – All of Legal Services Branch*
5. *HR – Workplace Health Safety and Support team*
6. *HR – Workplace Integrity team*
7. *HR – All of Human Resources Advisory Branch*

For each of these categories above, can you please provide the information below:

- (a) *How many staff are APS employees?*
- (b) *How many staff are labour-hire/contractors?*
- (c) *For those staff nominated in (c) above, what is the cost of the labour-hire/contractors for the period 1/1/21 to 30/6/21?*
- (d) *For those staff nominated in (c) above, what is the cost of the labour-hire/contractors for the period 1/7/21 to 31/12/21?*
- (e) *How many contracts for 'external' legal/specialist/consulting services were in place during the period 1/1/21 to 30/6/21?*
- (f) *How many contracts for 'external' legal/specialist/consulting services were in place during the period 1/7/21 to 31/12/21?*
- (g) *What is the total cost of 'external' legal/specialist/consulting services for the period 1/1/21 to 31/12/21?*

I am happy to receive the information in table format

Clarifications:

Clarification of dates in (a) and (b) - both 31 December 2021 AND date of FOI request. [Date of FOI request = 6 February 2022]

Clarification of (c) and (d) - yes, the reference should be to (b) above.

Clarification of (e) to (g) - each of legal 'labour-hire', and 'private law firms' (including AGS), and 'consultants' (who do not fit in other two categories).



Response

- (a) *How many staff are APS employees?*
 (b) *How many staff are labour-hire/contractors?*

	NDIA - Business area	APS headcount as at 31 December 2021	Labour Hire headcount as at 31 December 2021
1	Procurement and Corporate Services Branch	63	35
2	Legal – General Advice and Legislation team	7	1
3	Legal – Corporate and Commercial team	4	6
4	Legal – All of Legal Services Branch	38	11
5	HR – Workplace Health Safety and Support team	26	1
6	HR – Workplace Integrity team	4	3
7	HR – All of Human Resources Advisory Branch	57	12

	NDIA - Business area	APS headcount as at 6 2022	Labour Hire headcount as at 6 February 2022
1	Procurement and Corporate Services Branch	68	34
2	Legal – General Advice and Legislation team	6	1
3	Legal – Corporate and Commercial team	4	6
4	Legal – All of Legal Services Branch	37	16
5	HR – Workplace Health Safety and Support team	25	2
6	HR – Workplace Integrity team	4	3
7	HR – All of Human Resources Advisory Branch	57	12



- (c) **For those staff nominated in (b) above, what is the cost of the labour-hire/contractors for the period 1/1/21 to 30/6/21?**
 (d) **For those staff nominated in (b) above, what is the cost of the labour-hire/contractors for the period 1/7/21 to 31/12/21?**

	NDIA - Business area	Cost of labour hire 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	Cost of labour hire 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021
1	Procurement and Corporate Services Branch	\$2,251,852	\$2,094,453
2	Legal – General Advice and Legislation team	\$192,000	\$188,800
3	Legal – Corporate and Commercial team	\$516,063	\$726,753
4	Legal – All of Legal Services Branch	\$1,063,869	\$1,237,883
5	HR – Workplace Health Safety and Support team	-	-
6	HR – Workplace Integrity team	\$303,028	\$364,757
7	HR – All of Human Resources Advisory Branch	\$ 432,701	\$ 682,375

Note: If the specific category is not in the ledger we are unable to provide.

The total staffing for Legal Services Branch includes non-legal resources as well as legal resources.

- (e) **How many contracts for 'external' legal/specialist/consulting services were in place during the period 1/1/21 to 30/6/21?**

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- (f) **How many contracts for 'external' legal/specialist/consulting services were in place during the period 1/7/21 to 31/12/21?**

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- (g) **What is the total cost of 'external' legal/specialist/consulting services for the period 1/1/21 to 31/12/21?**

\$3,841,286 including Legal Labour Hire. \$1,577,303 excluding Legal Labour Hire.