



Treasurer
Minister for Industrial Relations

Ms Madeleine Foley
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Dear Ms Foley,

BUDGET ESTIMATES – ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Please find enclosed secondary answers to supplementary questions in relation to the portfolio of Industry, Resources and Energy, which were examined by General Purpose Standing Committee No.5 and directed to the Treasurer, Minister for Industrial Relations by General Purpose Standing Committee No.1.

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Berejiklian MP
Treasurer
Minister for Industrial Relations

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015

**SECONDARY ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO
THE PORTFOLIO OF INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY, WHICH WERE
EXAMINED BY GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.5
AND
DIRECTED TO THE TREASURER, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
BY GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.1.**

Submitted Monday 26 October 2015

TREASURER, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

1. How much has been spent to date on legal fees in connection with the challenge to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination by Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy? In answering this question, please provide a breakdown of those fees by type.
2. How much is estimated to be spent in total on legal fees in connection with the challenge to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination by Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy? In answering this question, please provide a breakdown of those fees by type.
3. How much has been spent in total to date on all matters in connection with the challenge to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination by Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy? In answering this question, please provide a breakdown of that spending by type or category.
4. What is the estimated total expenditure on all matters in connection with the challenge to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination by Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy? In answering this question, please provide a breakdown of the spending by type or category.

Answer 1 – 4:

I am advised that to date, Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy have spent around \$2.3m in legal fees and around \$200,000 in economic consultant fees. I am advised that the cost of the 2009 merits review appeal was around \$2.9m.

It is not possible to provide a reliable forecast total expenditure at this point in time as the appeal is ongoing.