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As a non-corporate Commonwealth entity, Safe Work Australia (SWA) is required (consistent with the *Legal Services Directions 2025*) to report its legal services expenditure to the Office of Legal Services Coordination (OLSC) within 60 days of the end of financial year and publish this expenditure by 30 October each year. This published report is a summary of the information we reported to OLSC for the 2025-2026 financial year.

Information in this report

All figures in this report are exclusive of GST and rounded to the nearest dollar. The categories included in this report are:

- total internal legal services expenditure
- total external legal services expenditure
- total value of disbursements; and
- total value of professional fees.

For more information about the guidelines we used to prepare this report, please refer to the Reporting of legal services expenditure for reporting period 2024-25 page on the Attorney General's website.

1.1 SWA legal services expenditure

Table 1 Summary of total legal services expenditure 2025-2026

Item	Value
Internal legal services expenditure	$1,155,161
External legal services expenditure	$312,132
Total value of disbursements	nil
Total legal services expenditure	$1,467,293

Table 2 Overview of external legal services expenditure 2025-2026

Item	Value
Other Government providers	$1,575
Overseas legal services providers	Nil
Domestic provider – Australian Government Solicitor	$96,664
Domestic provider – Clayton Utz	$33,385
Domestic provider – HBA Legal	$1,860
Domestic providers – Thomson Lawyers	$178,648
Total value of external legal expenditure 2025-2026	$312,132

Table 3 Comparison with 2024-2025

Item	2024-2025	2025-2026	Difference
Internal expenditure	$1,537,679	$1,155,161	-$382,518
External expenditure	$516,982	$312,132	-$204,850
Total legal expenditure	$2,054,661	$1,467,293	-$587,368