

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Questions**

**Date Notice Given: 21 October 2016**

**Due: GPSC1 8 November 2016**

- 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 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 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 those fees 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 those fees by type or category.

**ANSWER**

The Australian Energy Regulator handed down the NSW distribution networks 2014-2019 Determination on 30 April 2015. On 21 May 2015 Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy applied to Australian Competition Tribunal for a merits review.

The AER appealed the Tribunal's findings to the Federal Court on 24 March 2016. The appeal is ongoing and as such final costs are yet to be determined.

As you are aware, incurred legal costs are a matter for individual businesses.



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