

WPQ 13725 (2025) – What is the total amount, if any, spent on external legal advice or law firms by any agencies under the Minister’s responsibility since 27 November 2023, broken down by firm and purpose?

Departmental spend

Law firm / Lawyer	Purpose	Amount since 27 Nov 2023 (\$)
Anthony Harper	Health and safety advice	8,925
Buddle Findlay	Canterbury Earthquake Recovery	416
Buddle Findlay	CEA Restructuring Advice	8,576
Buddle Findlay	Employment advice	9,817
Dundas Street Limited	Employment advice	1,462
Greenwood Roche Chisnall	Advice on draft lease	5,095
Jeremy Prebble	Kapiti Airport	15,240
John Dixon QC	Overseas Investment enforcement	2,850
Kensington Swan (T/A Dentons Kensington)	Co-location agreement with Ministry of Ethnic Communities	2,900
Luke Cunningham	Overseas Investment enforcement	1,298
Luke Cunningham	Advice to Valuer-General	2,070
Meredith Connell Barristers and Solicitors	Overseas Investment enforcement	293,516
Minter Ellison Rudd Watts Limited	Crown Property advice on lease agreement	3,553
Rainey Collins	Crown Forest transfer	8,775
Richard Best Law	STEP Data Visualisation Tool	7,675
Sarah Jerebine	PANZ v Attorney-General	67,798
Grand Total		439,965

Non-departmental spend

Law firm / Lawyer	Purpose	Amount since 27 Nov 2023 (\$)
Grayson Clements Ltd	Legal Services - Lake Taupo Tributaries	35,261
Jeremy Prebble	Mt White	14,087
Grand Total		49,348