

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: SBT 1491-1496**

**Topic: Media Training (ABS)**

**Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1491. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date (26 October 2012):
- Total spending on these services
  - The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - The names of all service providers engaged
1492. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1491(d), please provide:
- The name and nature of the service purchased
  - Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  - The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - The total amount spent on the service
  - A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
1493. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
- The location used
  - The number of employees who took part on each occasion
  - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location
1494. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:
- Total spending on these services
  - The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - The names of all service providers engaged
1495. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1494(d), please provide:
- The name and nature of the service purchased

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- b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  - c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - e. The total amount spent on the service.
  - f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
1496. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
- a. The location used
  - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
  - c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

#### Answer:

1491. During the current financial to date the Australian Bureau of Statistics purchased media training services to ensure competencies amongst key agency staff:
- a. The total spend on these services was \$5995 including 10% GST.
  - b. A total of six employees
  - c. A total of six employees undertook the offered media training services:
    - Three EL1 staff
    - Three APS 6 staff.
  - d. The service provider engaged to deliver this training was *The Media Training Professionals*.
1492. For each service purchased from the provider listed under 1491, included:
- a. *Media Skills Training* was the name and nature of the training service.
  - b. The service delivered was group based training.
  - c. A total of six employees undertook the offered media training services:
    - Three EL1 Staff
    - Three APS 6 staff.
  - d. A total amount of 42 hours training was delivered with each participating staff member receiving seven hours training.
  - e. The total spend on these services was \$5995 including 10% GST.
  - f. The fees were charged on the basis of a one-day complete training package.
1493. Nil. Training was provided at ABS locations.
1494. In addition to the above listed training, during the financial year, 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, the ABS purchased media training services to meet the objectives of the 2011 Census communication strategy and 2011 Census data release communication strategy:

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- a. The total spend on these services was \$54,672 (inclusive of GST).
- b. The number of employees offered these services, and their employment classification, was:
- 13 SES staff
  - 19 EL2 staff
  - 13 EL1 staff
  - nine APS6 staff
  - one APS5 staff member
  - one APS4 staff member
- c. The number of employees who utilised this service, and their employment classification, was:
- 11 SES staff
  - 17 EL2 staff
  - 13 EL1 staff
  - eight APS6 staff
  - one APS5 staff member
  - one APS4 staff member
- Nil study leave was granted for this training.
- d. The service provider engaged to deliver this training was *The Media Training Professionals*.
1495. For each service purchased from the provider listed under 1494, included:
- a. *Media Skills Training* was the name and nature of the training service.
- b. All training delivered was group based, except for a one hour telephone session for one SES staff member.
- c. The number of employees who received this service, and their employment classification, was:
- 11 SES staff
  - 17 EL2 staff
  - 13 EL1 staff
  - eight APS6 staff
  - one APS5 staff member
  - one APS4 staff member
- d. The total number of hours of media training provided was 358, which is based on 51 attendees attending 7 hours of group based training and a one hour telephone session for one SES staff.
- e. The total spend on the services was \$54,672 (inclusive of GST).
- f. The cost was for a complete training package.
1496. Nil. Training was provided at ABS locations.