

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No.139

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 June 2012:

What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?

- a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- b) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12?
- c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?

- d) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- e) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12?
- f) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Please refer to the table on the following pages.

The Australian Law Reform Commission, High Court of Australia and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel do not purchase any media monitoring services.

The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) does receive and monitor some media material but these are not services paid for by AGS. In some cases, subscriptions for updates on legal subjects include media material on those subjects.

Media Monitoring Services for 2011-12 Financial Year to 31 May 2012

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	AAT	AGD	ACC	ACLEI	AFP	AHRC	ASIO	AUSTRAC	CDPP	Customs	AIC/CRC	FAMILY COURT	FEDERAL COURT	FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT	ITSA	NNTT	OAIC
Total cost of media monitoring for the Ministers Office/s	N/A	\$7,678	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
a)	N/A	AAP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
b)	N/A	\$46,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
c)	N/A	\$7,678	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Total cost of media monitoring for the Department or Agency	\$6,016	\$305,604	\$70,881	N/A	\$134,245	\$14,932	\$66,483	\$3,972	\$35,221	\$180,779	\$50,345	\$53,967	\$25,794	\$2,655	\$14,932	N/A	\$20,298
d)	Media Monitors	AAP	Media Monitors Pty Ltd	Provided as part of AGD's media monitoring services at no cost to ACLEI	Media Monitors, Australian Associated Press, CCH Australia Limited and Manuka Newsagency	AAP: \$8,636 Workday Media: \$890.00 CCH Australia Ltd \$5,406	Media Monitors Australia	Media Monitors	Media Monitors & Australian Associated Press	Media Monitors	Media Monitors Meltwater News Australia and Cubut Media Research Pty Ltd.	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	AAP: \$8,636 Workday Media: \$890.00 CCH Australia Ltd \$5,406	Media Monitors	Media Monitors
e)	\$7,000	\$330,060	\$105,500	N/A	\$140,000	\$18,000. Note: ITSA is trialling new system. Current monthly costs fluctuate.	\$70,000	\$5,700	\$40,757	\$240,000	\$55,000	\$64,761	There is no specific allowance for media monitoring. Part of overall office services budget for VIC.	\$4,551	\$18,000. Note: ITSA is trialling new system. Current monthly costs fluctuate.	\$20,000	\$26,298
f)	\$6,016	\$305,604	\$70,881	N/A	\$134,245	\$14,932	\$66,483	\$3,972	N/A	\$196,452	\$50,345	\$53,967	\$25,794	\$2,655	\$14,932	\$21,176	\$20,298