

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media monitoring**

Question: **222**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - c. Itemise these expenses.
2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - c. Itemise these expenses

Answer

1. Not applicable. The Library provides services to the Parliament on the basis of equality of access for all Senators and Members.
2. Service provider and cost:
 - a. Provider - iSentia Pty Limited
 - b. Cost - Since the Additional Estimates in February, the Department has spent \$75,273 on media monitoring services
 - c. This fee includes:
 - i. Press clips from the major national and metropolitan newspapers for the Parliamentary Library's newspaper clippings database in ParInfo.
 - ii. Access to iSentia's Mediaportal which includes a 90 day archive of regional newspapers.