

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0148) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio wide: Media training - In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services. 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. 3. 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). 4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased. 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). Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used. ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion. iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.

Answer:

- 1) The total spend on media training for the 2011-12 financial year was \$15 000 GST exclusive.
- 2) Selected Senior Executive Service (SES) staff within the Department of Immigration and Citizenship were offered the opportunity to undergo media training.
- 3) 12 SES staff attended media training and no study leave was granted.
- 4) Audio Media was engaged to provide the media training.
 - a) Audio Media designed the media training material tailored for the individual SES staff member and delivered the media training.
 - b) The media training was group based.
 - c) 12 SES staff attended media training spread over three days.
 - d) The media training was from 9am until 5pm including morning and afternoon tea breaks.
- e) The total spend on media training for the 2011-12 financial year was \$15 000 GST exclusive.
- f) The fees charged were based on a daily rate.
- f i) The training was held on-site in a meeting room at the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Belconnen, ACT.

- f ii) 12 SES staff attended media training.
- f iii) The media training was from 9am until 5pm including morning and afternoon tea breaks.
- f iv) No costs incurred to use the location as the training was held on-site in a meeting room at the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Belconnen, ACT.