

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Media Training

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Question:

- a) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:
 - 1) total spending on these services;
 - 2) an itemised breakdown of these services;
 - 3) the number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;
 - 4) the number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification;
 - 5) the names of all service providers engaged; and
 - 6) the location that this training was provided.
- b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (a), please provide:
 - 1) the name and nature of the service purchased;
 - 2) whether the service is one-on-one or group based;
 - 3) the number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);
 - 4) the total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);
 - 5) the total amount spent on the service; and
 - 6) a description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).
- c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - 1) the location used;
 - 2) the number of employees who took part on each occasion;
 - 3) the total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and
 - 4) any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.

Answer:

- a) 1) \$450.
2) The whole cost was for the presenter's fee.
3) 27 staff, including:
- 2 x EL2;
 - 7 x EL1;
 - 11 x APS6;
 - 6 x APS5; and
 - 1 x Graduate.
- 4) As above.
5) Amanda Crane - La Trobe University Lecturer in Journalism and Strategic Communication.
6) The presentations occurred at a Department of Human Services meeting room in Melbourne. This was filmed and viewed by staff at other locations via the internet at their usual work desks.
- b) 1) These were three presentations by a media expert on how modern media organisations are interacting through social media.
2) Group-based.
3) See answer (a)(3).
4) Three hours for all attendees.
5) \$450.
6) Complete package.
- c) Not applicable.