

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Media monitoring

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Question:

- a) What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - i) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - ii) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?
 - iii) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
- b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - i) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - ii) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?
 - iii) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

- a) Press clippings are provided to the Minister's office as part of the department's contract with iSentia Pty Ltd.
There is no additional expenditure to provide this service to the Minister's office.
- b) Between 7 September 2013 and 31 October 2013, expenditure was \$28,489 (including GST).
 - i) iSentia Pty Ltd and Australian Associated Press.
 - ii) \$150,000.
 - iii) As at 31 October 2013, expenditure was \$28,489 (including GST).