

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Government Advertising

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)?
 - i) List each item of expenditure and cost.
 - ii) List the approving officer for each item.
 - iii) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising.
- b) What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?
 - i) List the total expected cost.
 - ii) List each item of expenditure and cost.
 - iii) List the approving officer for each item.
 - iv) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.

Answer:

- a) The department spent \$684 430 on advertising from Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014.
 - i) The break down by item of expenditure and cost is given below.

Item of expenditure	Cost (\$)
Advertising staff	2,721
Advertising radio	24,640
Advertising press	45,381
Advertising other *	611,688
Total	684,430

* Includes community awareness advertising of mobile service centres.

- ii) It would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide details of the approving officer for each item.

iii) The outlets the department paid for advertising are:

Outlet	Purpose
Adcorp	Recruitment, public notices, tenders and departmental services
Sensis	White pages
Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)	National multicultural radio broadcasting
Independent and General	Community multicultural radio broadcasting

b) The department does not forecast for these expenses at this level.

i) Not applicable.

ii) Not applicable.

iii) Not applicable.

iv) Refer to response provided at question a) iii) above.