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Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Ministerial Website

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 25 February 2014? List each item of expenditure and cost?
2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?
3. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?

Answer:

1. The Ministerial website is using internal resources as a part of the overall management of the Department's website. The Department does not maintain separate data on these costs. To provide this data would require an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.
2. The Department uploads content to the media and speeches sections only of the Minister's site.
3. The Department has on-call arrangements out of hours to manage incidents such as unscheduled downtime for all the Departmental websites, including the Minister's site.