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Department/Agency: ABS
Question: AET 1667-1673
Topic: Media Training
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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1667. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information:

- a) Total spending on these services
- b) An itemised cost breakdown of these services
- c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
- d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification
- e) The names of all service providers engaged
- f) The location that this training was provided

1668. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), 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)

1669. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:

1670. The location used

1671. The number of employees who took part on each occasion

1672. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)

1673. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

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a) The total expenditure on media training services during this period was \$28,790

b) This expenditure is broken down as follows:

Six media training sessions at a total of \$26,400

Associated travel expenses for media training for \$2,390

c-d) These services were offered to and utilised by 21 employees. There were 13 at the Senior Executive Service level, 7 at the Executive Level 2 classification and 1 at the Executive Level 1 classification.

e) The Media Training Professionals were the service provider for this training.

f) The training sessions took place at ABS House in Belconnen, ACT and the ABS office in Melbourne, Victoria.

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a) The services provided were: 'Individual Executive Coaching Workshops'; 'Managing the Media Workshops'; and 'Advanced Media Skills Coaching Workshops'.

b) The services were a combination of group training sessions and one-on-one training sessions.

c) These services were offered to and utilised by 21 employees. There were 13 at the Senior Executive Service level, 7 at the Executive Level 2 classification and 1 at the Executive Level 1 classification.

d) The training sessions for Senior Executive Service employees were four hours in duration. Each employee attended one training session.

The training session for Executive Level employees managing the Census program was eight hours in duration. Each employee attended the same training session.

e) The total expenditure on media training services during this period was \$28,790.

f) These fees were charged as complete packages per training session.

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