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Question: BET 1129-1131

Topic: Media Training (ABS)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1129. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
- a) Total spending on these services
 - b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
 - c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) The names of all service providers engaged
1130. For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1129(d), 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)
1131. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
- a) The location used
 - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

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Answer:

1129. During the financial year, 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, the ABS purchased media training services to meet the objectives of the 2011 Census communication strategy and 2011 Census data release communication strategy:

- a) The total spend on these services was \$54,672 (inclusive of GST).
- b) The number of employees offered these services, and their employment classification, was:
 - 13 SES staff
 - 19 EL2 staff
 - 13 EL1 staff
 - nine APS6 staff
 - one APS5 staff member
 - one APS4 staff member
- c) The number of employees who utilised this service, and their employment classification, was:
 - 11 SES staff
 - 17 EL2 staff
 - 13 EL1 staff
 - eight APS6 staff
 - one APS5 staff member
 - one APS4 staff member

Nil study leave was granted for this training.

- d) The service provider engaged to deliver this training was *The Media Training Professionals*.

1130. For each service purchased from the provider listed under 1129(d), included:

- a) *Media Skills Training* was the name and nature of the training service.
- b) All training delivered was group based, except for a one hour telephone session for one SES staff member.
- c) The number of employees who received this service, and their employment classification, was:
 - 11 SES staff
 - 17 EL2 staff
 - 13 EL1 staff
 - eight APS6 staff
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- d) The total number of hours of media training provided was 358, which is based on 51 attendees attending 7 hours of group based training and a one hour telephone session for one SES staff.
 - e) The total spend on the services was \$54,672 (inclusive of GST).
 - f) The cost was for a complete training package.
1131. These services were delivered at the agency's premises, in Sydney and Melbourne.