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Question: BET 647-649

Topic: Media Training

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 647. 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
- 648. For each service purchased form a provider listed under 542(d), please provide:
 - a) The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b) Whether the service was 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)
- 649. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - -The location used
 - -The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a
 - breakdown for each employment classification)
 - -Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013

Answer:

- 647. During the current financial to date the Australian Bureau of Statistics purchased media training services to ensure competencies amongst key agency staff:
 - a) The total spend on these services was \$5995 including 10% GST.
 - b) A total of six employees

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- c) A total of six employees undertook the offered media training services:
 - Three EL1 staff
 - Three APS 6 staff
 - Nil study leave was granted
- d) The service provider engaged to deliver this training was *The Media Training Professionals*.
- 648. For each service purchased from the provider:
 - a. Media Skills Training was the name and nature of the training service.
 - b. The service delivered was group based training.
 - c. A total of six employees undertook the offered media training services:
 - Three EL1 Staff
 - Three APS 6 staff
 - d. A total amount of 42 hours training was delivered with each participating staff member receiving seven hours training.
 - e. The total spend on these services was \$5995 including 10% GST.
 - f. The fees were charged on the basis of a one-day complete training package.
- 649. Nil. Training was provided at ABS locations