

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: SBE 246-247

Topic: Media monitoring (ATO)

Written: 29 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

246. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?
- a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?
 - c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
247. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?
- a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?
 - c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

246. The ATO does not provide media monitoring services to the Minister's office.
247. From 7 September to 30 November 2013, the ATO spent \$30,176 (GST exclusive) on media monitoring services.
- a) Australian Associated Press.
 - b) \$180,000 (GST exclusive).
 - c) \$30,176 (GST exclusive).