

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBE 271-274

Topic: Media training (ATO)

Written: 29 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

272. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 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

273. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), 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)

274. 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

Answer:

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- a) Table 1 provides details on the media training purchased from the 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013.

Table 1: Media training spend

Service	Amount (\$) (GST exclusive)
Media training	1,734.54
Total	1,734.54

- b) Media training is available to 269 employees at the SES level and other employees as required. Suitability of media training as an appropriate development need is determined in performance discussions between the employee and their manager.

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c) Table 2 provides details of the number of employees and their employment classification that have utilised services for media training from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013. No study leave was granted for these services as they were conducted during work hours.

Table 2: Employees offered these services

Classification	Number of Staff
SES	6
Total	6

d) Table 3 provides details of the service providers engaged to conduct media training from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013.

Table 3: Service Providers

Service Provider	Service
Evans-Smith and Dando Pty Ltd	SES Media Training

273. Table 4 provides details on the nature of media training purchased from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013.

Table 4: Media training providers, name of service, one-on-one or group training, employees numbers and classifications, hours by classification and total spend

Service Provider	Service	One-on-one or group	Classification	Number of Employees	Total hours	Total cost (\$) (GST exclusive)	Fees description
Evans Smith and Dando Pty Ltd	SES Media Training	Group Based	SES	6	108	1,734.54	Complete package

274. All media training provided between 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 was delivered in-house on ATO premises.