

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Media monitoring

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?

b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

c) Itemise these expenses.

2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?

b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

c) Itemise these expenses

**Answer:**

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) provides a summary of media to the Minister's office. The cost of this summary is absorbed within the APSC's existing service.

a) Not applicable.

b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

2. The cost of media monitoring services provided to the APSC from Additional Estimates in February to 31 May 2014 was estimated to be \$17,524 excluding GST.

a) The media monitoring services was provided by iSENTIA Pty Ltd.

b) The estimated cost on media monitoring services from Additional Estimates in February to 31 May 2014 was \$17,524 excluding GST.

c) The information of detailed itemised expenses is not readily available in the APSC's Financial Information Management System.