

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Media Monitoring**

Question No: **136**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

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1. 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?
2. 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**

1. Not applicable
2. Press clippings purchased by the Parliamentary Library from 7 September 2013 to date (see c. below).
  - a. The clips are purchased from iSentia Pty Limited.
  - b. The estimated budget for 2013-14 is \$268,000.
  - c. This service is paid for quarterly. The bill for the quarter ending 31 August 2013 was \$49 873; the bill for the quarter ending 31 December 2013 will be of a similar magnitude.