

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

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 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. 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 service.
 - a) Not applicable.
 - b) Not applicable.
 - c) Not applicable.
2. The APSC's financial management information system cannot accurately report costs for a partial month. The cost of media monitoring services provided to the APSC from 7 September to 30 November 2013 is estimated to be \$9,264 (excluding GST).
 - a) The media monitoring services was provided by iSENTIA Pty Ltd.
 - b) The estimated 2013-14 budget for the provision of this service is \$60,000 excluding GST.
 - c) The total cost on providing these services from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is estimated to be \$9,264 (excluding GST).