

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Media Monitoring

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

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**Type of question:** Written

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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 Office does not provide media monitoring services to the Minister's office.
- (2) The Office does not currently have a media monitoring service.