

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/287) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- a. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period?
 - i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - ii. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
 - iii. Itemise these expenses.
- b. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?
 - i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - ii. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
- c. Itemise these expenses

Answer:

- a. Media monitoring services are provided to the Ministers' offices as part of an all-inclusive service agreement between Portfolio agencies and the relevant suppliers. There is no additional cost for the provision of media monitoring to Ministers' offices.
 - i. The two suppliers of media monitoring services are iSentia and Australian Associated Press (AAP).
 - ii. See a.
 - iii. Services are part of an all-inclusive media monitoring service and cannot be itemised.
- b. The total cost of media monitoring services provided to the Portfolio for the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, was \$141,451.
 - i. The two suppliers of media monitoring services are iSentia and Australian Associated Press.
 - ii. \$141,451.
- c. Services are part of an all-inclusive media monitoring service and cannot be itemised.