

Question 19 Department of the Senate – Senator Ryan

- (a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister’s office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?**

Until August 2011, the Department provided press clippings in printed and on-line format to all Senators, including the President of the Senate. After that date the press clippings were provided by the Parliamentary Library online and printed copies were distributed by the Senate department. The Department does not provide electronic media or transcripts.

The cost for the President of the Senate for press clippings for the following years is:

2007-08	\$1,728
2008-09	\$1,865
2009-10	\$1,816
2010-11	\$1,944

- (b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11**

The cost for the Department of the Senate for press clippings for the following years is:

2007-08	\$69,126
2008-09	\$74,583
2009-10	\$72,627
2010-11	\$77,742

- (c) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?**

The cost for the President of the Senate for press clippings, for 2011-12 Year-to-date is answered in (iii) below:

- i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?**

See (a) above.

- ii. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?**

The internal budget for printing press clippings is expected to be \$1,200.

- iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?**

\$989

(d) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?

i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?

From August 2011, the Parliamentary Library provided access to on-line press clippings. The Department of the Senate provided printed copies to Senators and departmental staff.

ii. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?

\$26,000

iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

\$19,790