Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

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 has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) Itemise these expenses.
- 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 has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) Itemise these expenses

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 cost of media monitoring services provided to the APSC from 7 September to 28 February 2014 is estimated to be \$20,358 excluding GST.
 - a) The media monitoring services was provided by iSENTIA Pty Ltd.
 - b) The estimated spend on media monitoring services from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 was \$20,358 excluding GST.
 - c) The information of detailed itemised expenses is not readily available in the Financial Information Management System.