

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Additional Estimates - February 2014

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Media monitoring

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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

Answer:

1. N/A.
2. The total costs of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc., provided to the Office from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 was \$21,969.18.
 - a) All services were provided by I Sentia (previously Media Monitors).
 - b) Total amount spent from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 was \$21,969.18.
 - c) Refer table below:

Itemised as per below:				
Document Number		Doc. Date	Balance	Inv Amt excl GST
Media Monitors Pty Ltd				
MN0477903	IN	30/09/2013	4,288.78	3,898.89
MN0483092	IN	31/10/2013	3,981.85	3,619.86
MN0488295	IN	30/11/2013	5,450.08	4,963.86
MN0493430	IN	31/12/2013	2,136.05	1,946.23
MN0498476	IN	30/01/2014	5,335.66	4,857.36
MN0503592	IN	28/02/2014	2,945.06	2,682.98
		7/9/14 to 28/2/14		21,969.18