

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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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 for this financial year to date?
- (2) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- (3) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
- (4) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?
- (5) 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?
- (6) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- (7) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
- (8) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

Answer:

- (1) No media monitoring services are provided to ministers' offices.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.
- (4) N/A.

- (5) Media monitoring services provided to the Ombudsman's office by Sentia Media cost \$18,010.39 from 1 July 2012 to 5 November 2012, when the contract for media monitoring was terminated.
- (6) There is currently no contractor providing media monitoring services to the Office. Media monitoring is provided in-house.
- (7) N/A.
- (8) \$18,010.39.