

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate Services Group

Question No. 116

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:

In relation to the Portfolio's media monitoring;

- a) how much was spent on media monitoring in the 2008 calendar year,
- b) how much has been spent on media monitoring, year to date, for the 2008-2009 financial year, and
- c) how many staff in each department/agency are employed for media related duties?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

a) In the 2008 calendar year, \$1,036,673.20 was spent in total by the Attorney-General's Department and the 21 portfolio agencies for their media monitoring.

b) In the 2008/2009 financial year to date, \$683,286.89 has been spent by AGD and the 21 portfolio agencies for their media monitoring.

All amounts are excluding GST.

Amounts were drawn from the most recent invoices of each portfolio.

For reasons of national security, ASIO is unable to provide financial data and staffing figures beyond that which is already provided in ASIO's *Report to Parliament*.

c)

Department/Agency	Number of Staff Employed for Media Related Duties*
Attorney-General's Department	4 full-time
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	0
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	1 full-time
Australian Crime Commission	2 full-time
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	5 full-time
Australian Federal Police	8 full-time
Australian Government Solicitor	1 staff with very minor media duties
Australia Human Rights Commission	2 full-time
Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council	2 staff with minor media duties
Australian Law Reform Commission	2 staff with very minor media duties
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	n/a
AUSTRAC	1 part-time, 4 staff with minor media duties
CrimTrac	1 full-time, 1 with very minor media duties

Family Court of Australia	1 full-time, 2 with minor media duties
Federal Court of Australia	1 full-time
Federal Magistrates Court	1 full-time
High Court of Australia	1 part-time
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	0
National Capital Authority	1 part-time
National Native Title Tribunal	2 full-time
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	1 part-time
Office of Parliamentary Council	0

* "Staff employed for media related duties" is interpreted as officers with a duty statement that includes dealing with news media/journalists.