

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

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 136**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

Media Training

- 1) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
  - a) Total spending on these services
  - b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d) The names of all service providers engaged
  
- 2) For each service purchased from a provider listed under 1) d), please provide:
  - a) The name and nature of the service purchased
  - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - e) The total amount spent on the service
  - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
  
- 3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
  - a) The location used
  - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion
  - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

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

The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the Public Service Act 1999. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

The following agencies did not have any media training for the specified period: Attorney-General's Department, Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Intelligence and Security Organisation, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, CrimTrac, Family Court of Australia, Federal Magistrates Court, Federal Court of Australia, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, National Native Title Tribunal, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, and Office of Parliamentary Counsel

See tables below for all other responses.

Attorney-General's Department

**Media Training Services for the financial year to date (1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013)**

<b>Australian Crime Commission</b>	Individual service cost	No. of employees offered the training and their classifications	No. of employees that utilised the training, their classification and details of any study leave granted	Name of service provider	Name and nature of service	One-on-one or group based	Total hours for each employee, broken down by employment classification	Description of fees charged (per-hour or complete package)	Location of off-site service and any costs incurred
Executive Media training (11 Dec 2012)	\$2,800	3 x SES Band 1	3 x SES Band 1 No Study leave granted	Laurie Wilson and Associates Pty Ltd	Executive Media Training	Group based	SES Band 1 – 7 hrs SES Band 1 – 7 hrs SES Band 1 – 7 hrs	Complete package: \$2,800 (excl GST)	N/A
Executive media training (21 Jan 2012)	\$1,600	1 x SES Band 2 1 x SES Band 1	1 x SES Band 2 No Study leave granted	Laurie Wilson and Associates Pty Ltd	Executive Media Training	One-on-one	SES Band 2 – 4 hrs	Complete package: \$1,600 (excl GST)	N/A

Australian Federal Police	Individual service cost	No. of employees offered the training and their classifications	No. of employees that utilised the training, their classification and details of any study leave granted	Name of service provider	Name and nature of service	One-on-one or group based	Total hours for each employee, broken down by employment classification	Description of fees charged (per-hour or complete package)	Location of off-site service and any costs incurred
Media engagement and relationship management.	\$22,000	3 AFP employees (as part of a group of 18 total participants from around Australia and the world receiving the training)	3 Permanent, full time employees (sworn) No study leave granted	Talkforce Consultants	Media engagement and relationship management.	Group-based	10 hours per employee, all AFP employees are Permanent, Full Time Employees	Complete package	Nil.