

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

Program All

Question No. 97

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

Media Monitoring

- a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11?
- b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- c) What is the estimated budget to provide the same services for the year 2011-12?
- d) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?
- e) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11?
- f) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- g) What is the estimated budget to provide the same services for the year 2011-12?
- h) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?

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

Australian Government Solicitor, Australian Law Reform Commission, High Court of Australia, and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel did not receive media monitoring services in 2010-2011 or 2011-2012.

All figures provided are GST exclusive.

Attorney-General's Department

- a) \$37 799.
- b) In September 2010, AGD changed providers from Media Monitors to Australian Associated Press (AAP).
- c) \$46 000.
- d) \$3 611.
- e) \$329 737.
- f) In September 2010, AGD changed providers from Media Monitors to Australian Associated Press (AAP).
- g) \$330 060.
- h) \$78 312.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

- a-d) Nil.
- e) Nil – ACLEI media monitoring is provided as part of AGD's media monitoring service at no cost to ACLEI.
- f) AAP.

- g) Nil.
- h) Nil.

Australian Crime Commission

- a-d) Nil.
- e) \$123 514.95.
- f) Media Monitors Pty Ltd.
- g) \$105 500.
- h) \$23 279.51.

Australian Federal Police

- a-d) Nil.
- e) \$200 263.
- f) Media Monitors, AAP – Australian Associated Press, CCH Australia Limited and Manuka Newsagency.
- g) \$140 000.
- h) \$52 889.

Australian Human Rights Commission

- a-d) Nil.
- e) \$19 349
- f) 1 - Media Monitors Australia Pty Ltd - \$1 167
2 - Australian Associated Press - \$18 182
- g) \$22 500
- h) \$15 953

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- a-d) Nil.
- e) The total cost of media monitoring services provided to ASIO for the 2010–11 financial year was \$63 415.
- f) Media Monitors Australia.
- g) The estimated budget for media monitoring services to ASIO for 2011–12 is \$70 000.
- h) ASIO has spent \$13 929 on media monitoring services.

Customs and Border Protection

- a-d) Nil. Customs and Border Protection does not provide media monitoring services directly to the Minister's Office but includes the Office on the internal distribution list.
- e) \$314,430.15 including GST. The Customs and Border Protection Annual Report for 2010-11 states at page 317 that the Agency paid \$452,837.85 including GST during 2010-11 to Media Monitors for media monitoring services. That statement is incorrect as it contains an inadvertent double counting of part of the cost. This error will be corrected in an addendum to the 2010-11 Annual Report.
- f) Media Monitors.

g) Up to \$170,000 including GST.

h) In the first three months of 2011-12, Customs and Border Protection's expenditure on media monitoring services was \$32,283 including GST.

ITSA

a-e) Nil.

f) ITSA accesses media monitoring services through the Attorney-General's Department.

g) Nil

h) Nil.

The Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)

a-d) Nil

e) \$49 048.20.

f) Media Monitors, Australian Associated Press.

g) \$36 103.50.

h) \$6 464.70.

CrimTrac

a-d) Not applicable

e) \$45 654.58.

f) Media Monitors, Meltwater News and Cubit Media Research provided media monitoring services for CrimTrac.

g) \$50 000.

h) \$26 301.56.