

Portfolio

Question No. 123

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Media Monitoring

1.
 - a) 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?
 - b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?
2.
 - a) 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?
 - b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?
3.
 - a) What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12?
 - b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - c) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?
4.
 - a) What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2011-12?
 - b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - c) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?

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.

1)

- a) \$129.73 (GST exclusive) (Only figures for July were available at the time of this report)
- b) Australian Associated Press (AAP)
- c) \$340,000 (this budget is for Minister's Offices and the Department as services are provided under the same contract)
- d) See response to a)

3)

- a) \$11,400.41 (GST exclusive)
- b) Australian Associated Press (AAP)
- c) \$330,000.00 (this budget is for Minister's Offices and the Department as services are provided under the same contract)

Please see tables below for responses to parts 2) and 4).

2)

	Attorney-General's Department	Australian Crime Commission	Australian Federal Police	Australian Human Rights Commission	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	CrimTrac	Customs	Family Court	Federal Court	Federal Magistrates Court	National Native Title Tribunal	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
a) Total cost of media monitoring for the Department/agency	\$93,127.14	\$ 29,719	\$41,441.14	\$10,862 (Ex GST)	\$19,372	\$15,865.03	\$18,457.88	\$46 187.26	\$2,695	\$6,513 (inc GST.)	Nil	Please refer to Federal Court's response	\$3,663
b) Which agency or agencies provided the service	Australian Associated Press (AAP)	Media Monitors Pty Ltd	Media Monitors, Australian associated Press and CCH Australia Ltd	Australian Associated Press & Media Monitors Australia.	Media Monitors Australia	Australian Associated Press	Media Monitors; Meltwater news	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	See part A	Media Monitors Australia P/L
c) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13	\$340,000 (Minister's Offices and Department services are provided under the same contract)	\$ 80,000	\$125,000	\$60,000 (Ex GST)	70,000	\$39,493.27	\$70,000	\$200 000	The Court has a combined budget of \$41,637	No specific allowance	The Court has a combined budget of \$8,353 for Newspapers and Media Monitoring the 2012/13 financial year. Given the low cost to the Court Media Monitoring is not separately budgeted for.	See part A	\$25,000
d) What is the financial year to date spend	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	See part A	Nil	See part A	See part A

4)

	Attorney-General's Department	Australian Crime Commission	Australian Federal Police	Australian Human Rights Commission	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	CrimTrac	Customs	Family Court	Federal Court	Federal Magistrates Court	National Native Title Tribunal	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
a) Total cost of media monitoring for the Department or Agency	\$334,385.37 (GST Ex)	\$ 98,368	\$122,401.74	\$49,147 (Ex GST)	\$72,656	\$39,319.76	\$59,824.09	\$204 805.15	\$60,679 for 2011/12	\$30,994 (GST inc.)	\$2,414	\$21,882	\$26,204
b) Which agency or agencies provided the service	Australian Associated Press (AAP)	Media Monitors Pty Ltd	Media Monitors, Australian associated Press & CCH Australia Ltd	Australian Associated Press & Media Monitors Australia.	Media Monitors Australia	Australian Associated Press	Media Monitors; Meltwater News;	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	Media Monitors	Media Monitors Pty Ltd (ABN 11002533581)	Media Monitors Australia P/L
c) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12	\$330,000 (Minister's Offices and Department services are provided under the same contract)	\$105,500	\$140,000	\$55,000 (Ex GST)	\$70,000	\$40,757.23	\$50,000	\$240 000	The Court had a combined budget of \$41,335 for Newspapers and Media Monitoring the 2011/12 financial year.	There was no specific allowance for media monitoring. It was part of the overall office services budget for the Victorian Registry.	Combined budget of \$20,533 for Newspapers and Media Monitoring the 2011/12 financial year. Given the low cost to the Court Media Monitoring is not separately budgeted for.	\$20,000	\$26,204