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Topic: Ministerial Website

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:
1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website?
  a. List each item of expenditure and cost
2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?
3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.

Answer:

1. Costs associated with the appointment of the Minister for Social Services, in relation to Minister Porter's website:

IT Services	Cost
Web developer (APS 6)	2 days Drupal development effort – Development of new Ministerial website using existing DSS Ministerial Website themes, email subscription service and contact form. Existing staff member under business as usual.
Team Leader Web Team (EL1)	2 days effort. Existing staff member under business as usual.
Any other IT services required were entwined with business as usual, with no discernible amount attributed.	

2. Online Services Section is responsible for publishing approved content on Minister Porter's website (http://christianporter.dss.gov.au/) at the request of the Minister's office.

3. A designated Online Services website publisher is on-call outside regular hours, Monday to Friday from 5pm to 9pm and between the hours of 8.30am to 5pm on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays for the purpose of publishing urgent Ministerial website content. Services available during this time are limited to ministerial media releases, speeches and transcripts that have been submitted by a Communication and Media Branch representative on instruction from the Minister's Office.

Since 14 September 2015 there have been 18 instances of Online Services publishing outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website.