

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs**

**Question No: 826**

**Topic: Media Training**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:

- a) Total spending on these services
- b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services
- c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
- d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification
- e) The names of all service providers engaged
- f) the location that this training was provided

2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), 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)

**Answer:**

In the period from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014:

- Media training was not undertaken by the Department of Social Services, the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency or the National Disability Insurance Agency.
- Media training was undertaken by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. The total cost was \$5,500 (GST inclusive). Cut Through Communications provided onsite, group-based training for five staff, who ranged from APS Level 5/6 to EL2 level. This was conducted over two 2.5 hour sessions.