Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 198(g)

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Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Media monitoring

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period?
 - (a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - (b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
 - (c) Itemise these expenses.
- 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?
 - (a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - (b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
 - (c) Itemise these expenses.

Answer:

- 1. Not applicable.
- 2. \$39,084.00:
 - (a) Meltwater and LexisNexis.
 - (b) Refer to response to question 2 above.
 - (c) Meltwater: \$37,587.00 and LexisNexis: \$1,497.00