

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 217(a)**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Ministerial Website**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe 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. The Department does not maintain separate data on spending relating to the Minister's website. To provide this data would require an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.
2. The Digital Communications Branch within the Department is responsible for uploading media realises, speeches and transcripts to the ministerial website. Posts from the Ministers' social media accounts, relevant to their portfolio, are automatically added to the ministerial website using specific hashtags.
3. There have been two requests to publish content outside regular hours by a departmental staff member between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016.