

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/Agency: Department of Finance
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Topic: Media monitoring

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

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. Media monitoring services for the Minister's office are provided by the department and are included in the scope of the department's contract at no additional cost.
 - a) iSentia Pty Ltd
 - b) - c) Providing media monitoring services to the Minister's office is included in the scope of the department's contract.
2. \$171,964.64 (including GST)
 - a) iSentia Pty Ltd
 - b) 171,964.64
 - c) All the department's media monitoring services are provided under a fixed monthly fee.