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Question:

How much has the APSC spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?

How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the APSC? At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed? Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the APSC please be provided? What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?

Answer:

The cost of media monitoring services provided to the APSC from 1 October 2016 to 28 February 2017 was \$45,137. The Contract Notice related to media monitoring is CN3216872.

The Commission has one EL1 staff working as media adviser. This position sits under the Group Manager APS Reform (<u>Attachment A</u>). The total cost for this staff in calendar year 2016 was \$34,006.