

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 279

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - 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 from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) Itemise these expenses

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Please refer to previous QoN 120 from the November 2013 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing for the period of 7 September 2013 to 17 November 2013.

Please see data below for the period 18 November 2013 – 24 February 2014.

1. Media monitoring items are provided to the Minister's office as part of the AFP's media monitoring service. No additional costs are incurred to provide this arrangement. As such please see response for Question 2 for expenditure information.
 - a) iSentia (Media Monitors) and Australian Associated Press (AAP).
 - b) See response for Question 2.
 - c) See response for Question 2.
2. \$43,500.
 - a) iSentia (Media Monitors) and Australian Associated Press (AAP).
 - b) \$43,500.
 - c) The set fees of \$37,500 (iSentia) and \$6,000 (AAP) encompass monitoring of print, radio and television items of relevance to the AFP.