

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 280

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

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:

- a) Total spending on these services
- b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services
- c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
- d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification
- e) The names of all service providers engaged
- f) the location that this training was provided

2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:

- a) The name and nature of the service purchased
- b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
- c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- e) The total amount spent on the service
- f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)

3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:

- a) The location used
- b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion
- c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

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

Please refer to previous QoN 128 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.

- a) \$2,500 incl. GST
- b) This was for one session delivered on Thursday, 13 February 2014.
- c) Media training was offered to the AFP National Media Team. This included:
 - One Coordinator (AFP Band 9)
 - Three Team Leaders (1x AFP Band 8 and 2x AFP Band 7)
 - Four Team Members (1x AFP Band 4 and 3x AFP Band 6)
- d) All employees detailed at 1c) utilised this training.

- e) The service provider for this media training was Talkforce Consultants.
- f) Training was provided at the AFP National Headquarters, Barton ACT.

2.

- a) The training was a Media Strategy session on media theories.
- b) The media training was group based.
- c) All employees detailed at 1.c received the service.
- d) Total training hours were 3.5 hours per participant.
- e) Total fees paid to Talkforce Consultants: \$2,500.00 incl. GST.
- f) The fees charged by Talkforce Consultants were for the media training session, which covered face-to-face training hours as well as session preparation and sourcing print and television media personnel to assist with practical exercises.

3. N/A. Training was held at the AFP National Headquarters, Barton ACT.