

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Corporate**

**Question No. 212**

**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?

- i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- ii. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
- iii. 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?

- i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- ii. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?
- iii. Itemise these expenses

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

1) The total cost of media monitoring services for the ministers' offices from 7 September 2013 to 24 February 2014 is \$10,084.20.

i) iSentia

ii) Total spend for these services from 7 September 2013 to 24 February 2014 was \$10,084.20.

iii) Media transcripts:

- \$7,074.86 for the Office of the Attorney-General
- \$3,009.34 for the Office of the Minister for Justice

2) The total cost of media monitoring services provided to the department from 7 September 2013 to 24 February 2014 is \$180,620.86.

i) iSentia

ii) Total spend for these services from 7 September 2013 to 24 February 2014 was \$180,620.86.

iii) General media monitoring:

- \$160,588.14 for the Attorney-General's Department
- \$14,175.00 for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- \$5,225.01 for the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce

Media transcripts:

- \$253.08 for the Attorney-General's Department
- \$379.63 for Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse