

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

Program: General

Question No. AE16/112

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

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?
 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
 3. 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?
 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
 3. Itemise these expenses.

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

1. Nil.

2. Figures are calculated on a monthly basis. For the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the portfolio purchased media monitoring services outlined in the table below.

Department/ Agency	1. Agency providing service	2. Total spent	3. Itemisation
Attorney-General's Department	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$195,559.81	\$192,363.14 in media monitoring and and daily briefings and \$3,196.67 for transcripts
Defence Abuse Response Taskforce	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$528.48	Breakdown not available
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$144,650.67	General media monitoring

Department/ Agency	1. Agency providing service	2. Total spent	3. Itemisation
The Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$3,201.00 (including GST)	General media monitoring
Australian Crime Commission	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$62,620.95 (excluding GST)	General media monitoring and daily briefings.
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Attorney-General's Department	Nil	Not Applicable
Australian Federal Police	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$91,816.15	Included in annual package - print, broadcast and online media monitoring, audio and video file provision, transcript provision.
Australian Federal Police	Australian Associated Press	\$6,156.15	Newswire subscription service
Australian Financial Security Authority	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$6,421.98 (excluding GST)	General media monitoring
Australian Human Rights Commission	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$19,313.79	General media monitoring including print, online and broadcast.
Australian Institute of Criminology	Nil	Nil	Nil
Australian Law Reform Commission	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Department/ Agency	1. Agency providing service	2. Total spent	3. Itemisation
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$50,300.89	General media monitoring
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$20,494.83	General media monitoring
CrimTrac	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$5516 (excluding GST)	General media monitoring
Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$6,560	General media monitoring
Federal Court of Australia	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$6,971.47	General Media Monitoring
High Court of Australia	Attorney-General's Department	Nil	Not Applicable
National Archives of Australia	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$16,531.69	General media monitoring
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Meltwater Australia P/L	\$20,125	General media monitoring
Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	iSentia Pty Ltd	\$14,544.55 (including GST)	General media monitoring
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable