

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2012
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate
Topic: Media Monitoring

Senator: Senator Ryan
Question reference number: 19
Type of Question: Written

Question

- 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?**
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?**

Answer

The Department of the Senate*

- b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?**

Answer

\$1,200

- c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?**

Answer

\$1,333.36 (actual 2011-12)

- 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?**
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?**

Answer

The Department of the Senate*

- b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?**

Answer

\$26,000

- c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?**

Answer

\$26,667.24 (actual 2011-12)

* Until August 2011, the Department provided press clippings in printed and on-line format to all Senators, including the President of the Senate. After that date the press clippings were provided by the Parliamentary Library online and printed copies were distributed by the Senate department. The Department does not provide electronic media or transcripts.