

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Media Monitoring

Senator: Ryan

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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?
 - Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?
 - What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?
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?
 - Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?
 - What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

Answer:

1. No cost has been incurred to provide press clippings to the Minister's office for this financial year to date.
2. The total cost of media monitoring services provided to the Australian Public Service Commission for this financial year to date (excluding GST) is \$77,800.
 - These services are provided by Media Monitors
 - The budget to provide this service for the year 2011-12 was \$53,000 excluding GST. The media monitoring costs above budget in 2011-12 were due to APS agreement making which attracted considerable media attention over the past 12-18 months. It is expected that expenditure in this area will decrease over the coming year.
 - The total cost of providing these services this financial year to date is \$77,800 (excluding GST).