

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: How much is budgeted for this year, 2011-12?

Ms Leon: I can tell you the amount that has been spent this year so far, which is \$34,523. I would have to take on notice how much it has budgeted for this year.

Senator RYAN: Do you have any information on, over the course of 2010-11, a monthly budgeted cost for that?

Ms Leon: I do not have it with me, but I can take that on notice.

Senator RYAN: I particularly ask for that breakdown along the lines of subscriptions, media monitoring and publications. Could I ask that for 2010-11 there be a monthly breakdown of those?

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Senator RYAN: I just want to emphasise this point. I made the point about saying I would like to see what the department paid, because I presume that if you cannot break it down then at least I can see the bill for Media Monitors. You might not be able to break it down between news clippings and transcripts, but, presumably, you will have an invoice and a cheque that was written out for them, or whatever the electronic equivalent is.

Answer:

Refer to PM29