

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
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Topic: Media Monitoring 2011-12

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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 2011-12?
 - Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 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 2011-12?
 - Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12?

Answer:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) does not provide media monitoring services to the Minister's office.
2. The total cost of media monitoring services provided to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) for 2011-12 is \$92,926 (including GST).
 - 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 primarily associated with the Australian Public Service (APS) Bargaining Framework process which attracted considerable media attention.