

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

Portfolio

Question No. 132

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

Media Monitoring

- a) What is 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?
- b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
- d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

- e) 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?
- f) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
- g) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
- h) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

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

The Attorney-General's Department provides media monitoring services to its Ministerial offices on behalf of the Portfolio.

- a) What is 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?
\$3,630.50
- b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
Australian Associated Press (AAP)
- c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
\$7,723.23
- d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?
\$3,630.50

- e)–h) Please see table below

Financial Year to date 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013

	e), h) Total cost of media monitoring for the Department or Agency	f) Which agency or agencies provided the service	g) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13
Attorney-General's Department	\$220,277.12	Australian Associated Press	\$350,000.00
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$3,963.63	Media Monitors	\$6,900

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Nil	Provided as part of AGD's media monitoring services at no cost to ACLEI	N/A
Australian Crime Commission	\$33,674	Media Monitors	\$80,000
Australian Customs and Border Protection	\$90,600.00	Media Monitors	\$120,000.00
Australian Federal Police	\$88,054	Media Monitors, AAP, CCH, Manuka Newsagency	\$138,396
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$16,066	Australian Associated Press & Media Monitors	\$60,000
Australian Institute of Criminology	Nil	N/A	Nil
Australian Law Reform Commission	Nil	N/A	Nil
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	\$45,191	Media Monitors	\$70,000
AUSTRAC	\$4,754.53	Media Monitors	\$5,700
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	\$21,123.15	Australian Associated Press	\$28,727.28
CrimTrac	\$37,800	Media Monitors. CrimTrac also receives services from Meltwater News, but this service was pre-paid before the 2012-13 financial year.	\$60,000
Family Court	\$16,214	Media Monitors	The Court has a combined Newspaper and Media Monitoring budget of \$41,637. Due to the low value overall of Media Monitoring for the Court, it is not separately budgeted for.
Federal Court	\$17,355.92	Media Monitors	There is no specific allowance for media monitoring. It is part of the overall office services budget.
Federal Magistrates Court	\$1,665	Media Monitors	The Court has a combined Newspaper and Media Monitoring budget of \$8,353. Due to the low value overall of Media Monitoring for the Court, it is not separately budgeted for.
High Court of Australia	Nil	N/A	N/A
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	\$11,004.11	Australian Associated Press (AAP)	Approximately \$20 000
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$11,595	Media Monitors	\$25,000
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	Nil	N/A	N/A