

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0115) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio wide: Media Monitoring - 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 these same services for the year 2011-12? What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

*Answer:*

- 1) From 1 July 2011 until 31 May 2012 the department has processed \$166 694.79 GST exclusive in media monitoring and newswire distribution expenses for Minister Bowen and Minister Lundy's offices.
- 2) The department has three suppliers of media monitoring services.
  1. **Media Monitors**
  2. **AAP**
  3. **CCH**
- 3) The total budget to provide these services to both the department and the ministers for the year 2011-12 is \$318 000 GST exclusive.