

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0116) 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 department/agency 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 \$224 052.44 GST exclusive in media monitoring and newswire distribution expenses against departmental cost centres.
- 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.