

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

Portfolio

Question No. 103

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Media monitoring

1. 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?
 - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

2. 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?
 - a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?
 - c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?

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

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 31 January 2013, please refer to QoN response 132 from the Additional Estimates round.

For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 please see below.

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

1.
 - a) Australian Associated Press (AAP) and iSentia Pty Ltd (formerly Media Monitors)
 - b) \$33,124
 - c) \$3,652 (1 February 2013 – 31 May 2013)

2. a)-c) Please see table below

	a) Which agency or agencies provided the service	b) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13	c) Cost of media monitoring for the Department or Agency (1 February 2013 – 31 May 2013)
Attorney-General's Department	Australian Associated Press	\$350,403	\$105,163

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Administrative Appeals Tribunal	iSentia Pty Ltd (formerly Media Monitors)	\$6,900	\$1,613.75
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Provided as part of AGD's media monitoring service at no cost to ACLEI	Nil	Nil
Australian Crime Commission	iSentia Pty Ltd (previously Media Monitors Pty Ltd)	\$80,000	\$54,322.56
Australian Customs and Border Protection	iSentia (Media Monitors)	\$120,000	\$27,202.41
Australian Federal Police	Media Monitors, AAP, CCH, Manuka Newsagency	\$138,396	\$35,320
Australian Human Rights Commission	Australian Associated Press & ISentia	\$50,000	\$15,347
Australian Institute of Criminology	AGD	Nil	Nil
Australian Law Reform Commission	AGD	Nil	Nil
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Media Monitors Australia	\$23,332	\$26,500
AUSTRAC	iSentia (formerly Media Monitors)	\$6,621	\$2,193
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Australian Associated Press Pty Ltd	\$28,727.28 (excl. GST)	\$9,418.09 (excl. GST)
CrimTrac	iSentia. CrimTrac also receives services from Meltwater News, but this service was pre-paid before the 2012-2013 financial year.	\$60,000 (excl. GST)	\$10 548 (GST Exclusive) since last QoN (\$48 348 (GST Exclusive) for 12-13 Financial Year)
Family Court and Federal Circuit Court (shared service)	iSentia (previously known as Media Monitors)	\$37,500	\$17,759

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Federal Court	iSentia (formerly Media Monitors)	Costs for media monitoring services were not budgeted as a separate line item and were paid out of the general office supplies budget for the Chief Justice of \$20,000. This budget includes media monitoring services, printing, office supplies, newspapers and stationery.	\$9,270.20 (GST exc.)
High Court of Australia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	Australian Associated Press	Approximately \$25 000	\$11,568.50
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	iSentia (formerly Media Monitors)	\$25,000 (excl. GST)	\$7,510.89
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	AGD	Nil	Nil

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