

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

Portfolio

Question No. 105

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

Media training

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
 - a) Total spending on these services
 - b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
 - c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) The names of all service providers engaged
2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:
 - a) The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - e) The total amount spent on the service
 - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - a) The location used
 - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

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 136 from the Additional Estimates round.

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

The following agencies did not have any media training for the specified period:

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Attorney-General's Department, Australian Crime Commission, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, CrimTrac, Family Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Australian Government Solicitor

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

National Native Title Tribunal

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the NNTT is no longer a *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation. On 12 March 2013 the *Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Act 2013* came into operation. On that day the Australian Public Service Commissioner signed a determination which transferred all staff employed by the Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia under s.72 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, but those staff are designated staff assisting the Tribunal under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

See table below for all other responses.

Media Training Services for the financial year to date (1 February 2013 – 31 May 2013)

Agency	Individual service cost	No. of employees offered the training and their classifications	No. of employees that utilised the training, their classification and details of any study leave granted	Name of service provider	Name and nature of service	One-on-one or group based	Total hours for each employee, broken down by employment classification	Description of fees charged (per-hour or complete package)	Location of off-site service and any costs incurred
Australian Federal Police	\$22,000*	3 AFP employees (as part of a group of 18 total participants from around Australia and the world receiving the training)	3 Permanent, full time employees (sworn) Nil study leave granted	Talkforce Consultants	Media engagement and relationship management	Group-based	10 hours per employee, all AFP employees are Permanent, Full Time Employees	Complete package	Nil.
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$2750	1 Statutory Office Holder	1 Statutory Office Holder	Zevesky Consulting	Media Spokesperson Training	One-on-One	4 hours	All inclusive	AHRC Premises – No cost

*The cost is \$22,000 as per a full Financial Year contract that includes two full Management of Serious Crime (MOSC) Programs per year as set by the Board of Studies. Therefore this is the same answer as provided in February 2013 in QoN 136 for the additional estimates round.