

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0514) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

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

Answer:

From 1 July 2012 until 28 May 2013, the department processed \$100 474.68 GST exclusive in media monitoring and newswire distribution expenses for the Ministers' offices.

The department has three suppliers of media monitoring services.

1. Media Monitors
2. Australian Associated Press
3. Commerce Clearing House

The total budget to provide these services to both the department and the Ministers for the 2012-13 financial year is approximately \$318 000 GST exclusive for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (which includes media monitoring, and newswire and distribution services for the ministers combined). This is only an indicative amount as the department cannot predict the number of media releases that will be issued from the Department and Ministers each year, nor the extent or results arising from media monitoring of portfolio activities.

From 1 July 2012 until 28 May 2013, the Department processed \$115 245.81 GST exclusive in media monitoring and newswire distribution expenses against departmental cost centres.