

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

**Question reference number:** HSW 52

**Senator:** McKenzie

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) Does your department/agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?
  - 1. If yes, please provide reason why, the costs and what channels.
  - 2. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
  - 3. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
  
- b) Does your department/agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
  - 1. If yes, please provide reason why, the costs and what newspapers.
  - 2. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
  - 3. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
  
- c) Does your department/agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
  - 1. If yes, please provide reason why, the costs and what magazines.
  - 2. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
  - 3. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

#### **Answer:**

- a) 1. Yes. Some areas of the department purchase subscription television services to support departmental operations, for example Parliamentary TV. There is no central register of service details.
- 2. At this stage of the financial year, it is not possible to accurately estimate the total costs for 2011-12.
- 3. The financial management information system is set up to combine all subscriptions which includes purchase of books (technical and non technical), videos, periodicals, journals, newspapers and subscriptions. Due to time constraints and the large amount of information, the Department is unable to provide specific breakdown of pay TV costs for the financial year to date.

- b)
  1. Yes. Some areas of the department subscribe to newspapers for information and reference to support departmental operations. There is no central register of subscription details.
  2. At this stage of the financial year, it is not possible to accurately estimate the total costs for 2011-12.
  3. The financial management information system is set up to combine all subscriptions which includes purchase of books (technical and non technical), videos, periodicals, journals, newspapers and subscriptions. Due to time constraints and the large amount of information, the Department is unable to provide specific breakdown of newspaper costs for the financial year to date.
  
- c)
  1. Yes. Some areas of the department subscribe to magazines primarily for the purpose of obtaining current information in specific professional fields or relevant to specific activities, thereby supporting departmental operations.
  2. At this stage of the financial year, it is not possible to accurately estimate the total costs for 2011-12.
  3. The financial management information systems are set up to combine all subscriptions which includes purchase of books (technical and non-technical), videos, periodicals, journals, newspapers and subscriptions. Due to time constraints and the large amount of information, the department is unable to provide specific breakdown of magazine costs for the financial year to date.