

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 63

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

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**Senator McKenzie** asked:

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
- What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

Yes. The Department subscribes to pay TV to monitor news and press conferences for issues relevant to the Department and its policies and programs. Additionally, pay TV is a source of information during major events which require Federal Government involvement.

The cost and list of channels is not readily available for the Department or portfolio agencies without the use of significant resources.