

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

Question: E12-120

**OUTCOME 0:** Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Number of pages:** 2

**Senator:** Senator McKenzie

**Question:**

- a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- b) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

- a) Yes.

**New subscriptions**

Reason for change	Monthly cost (GST exclusive)	Pay TV channel	Cost FYTD (31 May 2012) (GST excl)
Access to various news channels required by media staff	\$72.72	Foxtel Business Information and Sport Package	\$1,025.39

- b) Yes

**New subscriptions**

Reason for change	Average monthly cost (GST exclusive)	Newspaper	Cost FYTD (31 May 2012) (GST excl)
Subscribed for 2 weeks to keep abreast of current issues relating to a specific issue		Daily Telegraph Sydney Morning Herald	\$22.00

**Cancelled subscriptions**

Reason for change	Average monthly cost (GST exclusive)	Newspaper	Cost FYTD (31 May 2012) (GST excl)
Staff are able to access media publications electronically; hard copies no longer required; information available online; and no longer required	\$149.37	Australian Australian Ageing Agenda Daily Telegraph Sydney Morning Herald Weekend Australian	\$381.25

c) Yes

**New subscriptions**

Reason for change	Average monthly cost (GST exclusive)	Magazine	Cost FYTD (31 May 2012) (GST excl)
Resource information – to update staff about emerging issues; lack of full text articles online; updates on relevant industry news and to keep abreast of health workforce and health reform issues; for medical research and information; and to keep up to date with developments in the pharmaceutical industry	\$482.70	Australian Doctor Australia Medicines Handbook Nursing Review Ontario Medical Review Pharma in Focus Scrip Intelligence	\$5480.98

**Cancelled subscriptions**

Reason for change	Monthly cost (GST exclusive)	Magazine	Cost FYTD (31 May 2012) (GST excl)
Changed section responsibilities – function moved to another area; budget constraints; and information available through other avenues	\$69.30	Australian Doctor Harvard Business Review	\$811.15