

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Treasury Portfolio

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18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1206-1210

Topic: Media Subscriptions (ATO)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1206. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?
1207. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?
1208. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?
1209. What was the 2011-12 cost for:
- TV subscriptions
 - Newspaper subscriptions
 - Magazine subscriptions
1210. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date (26 October 2012) and for 2011-12.

Answer:

1206. The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network.

There has been no change to the Parliamentary Network subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates in May 2012.

The annual cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for 2012-13 is \$6,651 (exclusive of GST) which was paid on 9 October 2012.

1207. The ATO subscribes to a range of hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals. These subscriptions are primarily business and/or industry focused. The ATO's financial management information system does not separately identify these costs by publication.

In 2012-13 to 26 October 2012, the ATO's expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals was \$61,820.

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1208. Please refer to the response provided to question SBT 1207.
1209. The cost in 2011-12 for:
- a. Parliamentary Network subscription was \$6,572 (exclusive of GST)
 - b-c. Hard copy newspapers, magazines and journals was \$203,400 (exclusive of GST).
1210. The ATO does not provide any media subscriptions to Treasury Portfolio Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries.