

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
 - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to day?

ONA Response:

- a) ONA maintains subscriptions to a number of TV services in order to provide analysts with localised news reports from a wide range of sources:
 - Al Jazeera Arabic and BBC Arabic (Arab-language news and current affairs services, focussing on topics of interest to Middle Eastern audiences)
 - Foxtel news package – A-PAC, Sky News, Sky News Business and the Weather Channel (News and current affairs)
 - CNN International (News and current affairs)
 - NHK Premium (Japanese news and current affairs)
 - ANC (Filipino news services)
- b) Approximately \$5,373
- c) Nil
- d) N/A

Question:

2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

ONA Response:

- a) ONA maintains the following subscriptions:
 - Australian Financial Review
 - Sydney Morning Herald
 - The Australian
 - Canberra Times
 - The Age

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- Financial Times
 - European Voice
 - Fishing News International
 - Haaretz
 - Pacnews
 - Timor-Leste News
 - Kaselehlie Press
 - Marshall Islands Journal
 - Matangi Tonga
- b) Approximately \$1,974
c) Nil
d) N/A

Question:

3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

ONA Response:

- a) Nil
- b) N/A
- c) Nil
- d) N/A

Question:

4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
- a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

ONA Response:

- a) ONA purchases publications, as required, to provide analysts with research material from a wide range of sources.
- b) Nil
- c) Nil
- d) N/A