

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No.140**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

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

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Please refer to the table on the following page.

Subscriptions (Financial Year to date end April 2012)

|    | AAT      | AGD      | ACC     | ACLEI   | CUSTOMS   | AFP       | AGS      | AHRC    | AIC   | ALRC   | ASIO     | AUSTRAC  | CRC  | FAMILY COURT   | FEDERAL COURT | MAGISTRATES COURT  | HIGH COURT    | ITSA    | NNTT     | CDPP  | OPC     | OAIC    |     |
|----|----------|----------|---------|---------|---|-----------|----------|---------|-------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|---------------|--|---------------|---------|----------|---|---------|---------|-----|
| a) | No       | No       | No      | No      | Yes   | No        | No       | No      | No    | No     | No       | No       | No   | No   | No            | No   | No            | No      | No       | No  | No      | No      | No  |
| b) | N/A      | N/A      | N/A     | N/A     | Two cancellations valued at \$62 per month, saving \$248 per year. Subscription no longer required.                           | N/A       | N/A      | N/A     | N/A   | N/A    | N/A      | N/A      | N/A  | N/A  | N/A           | N/A  | N/A           | N/A     | N/A      | N/A   | N/A     | N/A     | N/A |
| c) | Nil      | \$10,308 | \$1,680 | Nil     | \$7778  | \$186,078 | Nil      | \$2,767 | Nil   | Nil    | \$45,082 | N/A      | \$4,222  | \$500 ex GST   | No change     | Nil  | Nil           | \$1,014 | Nil      | \$17,986 ex GST   | Nil     | \$1,050 |     |
| d) | No       | No       | No      | No      | Yes   | No        | No       | No      | No    | No     | No       | No       | Yes  | No   | No change     | No   | Refer Note 1. | No      | No       | Yes. Since February Harvard Business Review. \$141 is the estimated cost for 2011-12. | No      | No      |     |
| e) | N/A      | N/A      | N/A     | N/A     | Internal decision to review subscription services where possible. Estimated monthly savings is approximately \$650 per month. | N/A       | N/A      | N/A     | N/A   | N/A    | N/A      | N/A      | An internal review reduced costs from \$988 to \$80 per month. Canberra Times. Australian. | N/A  | N/A           | N/A  | N/A           | N/A     | N/A      | Nil to 30 April 2012.   | N/A     | N/A     |     |
| f) | \$12,241 | \$28,174 | \$7,556 | \$2,093 | \$56,011  | \$80,716  | \$21,670 | \$5,824 | \$875 | \$1478 | \$30,160 | \$17,431 | \$2,822  | \$66,227 ex GST Newspaper & Magazines are combined and the court is unable to distinguish the two and unable to identify | N/A           | \$20,526 ex GST Newspaper & Magazines are combined and the court is unable to distinguish the two and unable |               | \$4,884 | \$10,870 |   | \$2,769 | \$608   |     |

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|    |       |          |     |     |   |          |       |     |     |     |     |       |     | individual publications  |           | to identify individual publications  |     |  |          |     |       |          |
| g) | No    | No       | No  | No  | Yes   | No       | No    | No  | No  | No  | No  | No    | No  | No   | No change | No   | No  | Yes  | No       | No  | No    | No       |
| h) | N/A   | N/A      | N/A | N/A | Internal decision to review and discontinue subscription services where possible. Potential savings are expected 2012/13 financial year | N/A      | N/A   | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A   | N/A | N/A  | N/A       | N/A  | N/A | Harvard Business Review : \$159. Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia (IPAA) journal: \$220 | N/A      | N/A | N/A   | N/A      |
| i) | \$369 | \$43,764 | Nil | Nil | \$47,561  | \$58,614 | \$529 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | \$466 | Nil | \$66,227 ex GST Newspaper & Magazines are combined and the court is unable to distinguish the two and unable to identify individual publications | Nil       | \$20,526 ex GST Newspaper & Magazines are combined and the court is unable to distinguish the two and unable to identify individual publications | Nil | \$379  | \$31,931 | Nil | \$917 | \$133.92 |

Note 1: For the High Court of Australia subscriptions of this kind are a matter for specific work areas to determine. To extract, analyse and consolidate the data from each separate record would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.