

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 166

Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates

Outcome: Corporate

Programme: Corporate Strategies Division

Topic: Portfolio Wide – Media Subscriptions –TV

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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

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 date?

Answer:

The Department and agencies have pay TV subscriptions to Foxtel and Austar.

a)

Locality	Channels included	Reason
Brisbane Bureau of Meteorology Regional Forecasting Centre	Foxtel – standard package including news and weather channels. No additional sports.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events.
Willis Island Meteorological Office	Austar – Entertainment + movies and more, free to air channels, Sci Fi, TV1, Discovery, History, Lifestyle Food and National Geographic channels.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events and entertainment for staff based at a very remote locality.
Giles Meteorological Office	Foxtel – standard package including news and weather channels, plus extra movie channels and free to air channels.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events and entertainment for staff based at a very remote locality.

National Meteorological and Oceanographic Centre	Foxtel – Business Package (includes news, weather and standard sport channels).	Situational awareness required for routine media broadcasts and in producing forecasts.
John Gorton Building Canberra	Foxtel – Business Package (includes news, weather and standard sport channels).	Used to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the portfolio.

- b) The cost for the services listed above for the Department and agencies for the period of 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 is \$1,990.31 GST inclusive.
- c) No pay TV subscriptions were provided by the department for the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable – see response for (c).