

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

**Question No:** 167

**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Policy and Communications Division

**Topic:** Portfolio Wide – Media Subscriptions – Newspaper

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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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?

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment (the Department)***

- a) The Department does not maintain a list of newspaper subscriptions. Consequently this information would only be available by manually reviewing individual invoices which would be a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources for the Department.

The Department subscribes to a number of newspapers to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the Department and issues that impact key stakeholders.

- b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Department of the Environment spent \$4,089.70 (GST inclusive) on newspaper subscriptions.
- c) The following newspapers were provided to the Ministers Office during this period:

*The Adelaide Advertiser*

*The Age*

*The Australian*

*The Courier Mail*

*The Canberra Times*

*Financial Review*

*The Hobart Mercury*

*Herald Sun*

*The Sydney Morning Herald*

*The Daily Telegraph*

*The West Australian*

- d) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Department spent \$772.37 (GST inclusive) on newspapers for the Ministers Office.

***Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)***

- a) GBRMPA subscribes to the following newspapers:

*The Courier Mail*

*The Australian*

*The Cairns Post*

*Mackay Daily Mercury*

*The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin*

*Cooktown Local News*

The reason for subscribing to these newspapers is for media monitoring and keeping abreast of local and regional events that may affect GBRMPA.

- b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, GBRMPA spent \$190.49 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.
- c) Nil.
- d) Not applicable.

***National Water Commission (the Commission)***

- a) The National Water Commission subscribes to the following newspapers:

*The Australian*

*The Canberra Times*

*Financial Review*

*The Land*

*Weekly Times*

The Commission subscribes to the newspapers to assist with identifying emerging issues and track areas of national, regional and local interest relevant to the Commission.

- b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the National Water Commission spent \$795.51 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.
- c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

***Director of National Parks (DNP)***

a) The DNP subscribes to the following newspapers:

*NT News*

*The South Coast Register*

*The Indigenous Times*

*The Koori Mail*

These papers commonly have articles that are of interest to, related to or specifically about the work undertaken by the DNP.

b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the DNP spent \$98.45 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

***Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority)***

a) Nil.

b) Not applicable.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

***Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust)***

a) The Trust subscribes to the following newspapers:

*The Sydney Morning Herald*

*The Daily Telegraph*

*The Australian*

The Trust's newspaper subscriptions are crucial for the organisation to be aware of important political, social and economic issues and specific events that could affect the work of the Trust.

b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Trust spent \$196.68 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

### ***Clean Energy Regulator (CER)***

- a) The CER subscribes to the following newspapers:

*The Australian*

*Financial Review*

The CER subscribes to these newspapers to keep up to date with current events that may affect the Agency.

- b) For the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the CER spent \$186.60 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.
- c) Nil.
- d) Not applicable.

### ***Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)***

- a) The Bureau subscribes to the following newspaper:

*The Age*

*The Herald Sun*

*The Australian*

*Financial Review*

*The West Australian*

*The Sunday Times*

*NT News*

These media subscriptions provide situational awareness to the Bureau, and enable the Bureau to check accuracy of weather graphics.

- b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Bureau spent \$794 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.
- c) Nil.
- d) Not applicable.

### ***Climate Change Authority (the Authority)***

- a) The Authority subscribes to the following newspapers:

*The Age*

*The Australian*

*Financial Review*

These subscriptions are procured to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the Authority.

- b) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Authority spent \$291.60 (including GST) on newspapers.
- c) Nil.
- d) Not applicable.