

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No.EW0026_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Media Subscriptions

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.

Answer

Pay television subscriptions in the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio are as follows:

- The department subscribes to Foxtel's Sky News channel at an annual cost of \$7,932.12.
- The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority subscribes to Foxtel's Business Value Pack at an annual cost of \$2,410.00.
- The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner subscribes to Foxtel's Business Value pack at an annual cost of \$3,132.00.
- Minister Ellis subscribes to Foxtel's Business and Sports Pack at an annual cost of \$1,200.00.
- Minister Evans subscribes to Foxtel's Business Value Pack at an annual cost of \$2,539.68.

The subscriptions provide both national and international perspectives and breaking news on a broad range of issues which both directly and indirectly impact on the work of agencies in the portfolio.

The department and portfolio agencies subscribe to the newspapers and magazines listed in the table below. The reasons for the subscriptions include: monitoring of articles on government policy with reference to Government programs delivered by the department; current local, national and international political issues; providing access to up to date international research and analysis on key issues to the department; and emerging issues relevant to the department. The cost of the subscriptions has fallen significantly over the past twelve months as staff transition to electronic media services.

Education Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions

Publication	DEEWR	ABCC	ACARA	AITSL	ALTC	Comcare	Fair Work Australia	Fair Work Ombudsman	Safework Australia
Border Watch								P	
Business Review Weekly							P		
Campus Review	P				P				
Harvard Business Review	P				P				
Leadership in Focus				P					
Principal Matters				P					
Smart Investor							P		
The Age	P	P				P	P	P	
The Advertiser (Adelaide)	P	P					P	P	
The Advertiser (Bendigo)								P	
The Australian	P	P			P	P	P	P	P
The Australian Financial Review	P	P			P	P	P	P	P
The Canberra Times	P					P	P	P	P
The Central Western Daily								P	
The Chronicle of Higher Education					P				
The Courier Mail	P	P				P	P		
The Daily Advertiser (Wagga)								P	

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The Daily Telegraph	P	P					P	P	
The Examiner		P							
The Economist	P								
The Herald Sun	P	P				P	P	P	
The Indigenous Times	P								
The Koori Mail	P								
The Land	P								
The Mercury	P	P					P		
The Naracoorte Herald								P	
The Newcastle Herald								P	
The Northern Territory News	P							P	
The South East Times								P	
The Sydney Morning Herald	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
The Warrnambool Standard								P	
The Weekend Australian	P								
The Weekly Times	P								
The Western Australian		P					P	P	
Time							P		
Total cost	\$56,475	\$9,332	\$250	\$230	\$3,454	\$9,176	\$32,997	\$15,201	\$1,823