

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Media Subscriptions

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 date? 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? 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? 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?

Answer

The Department of Education was established on 18 September 2013. Previously the functions were delivered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

1. The department's Pay TV subscription is a package containing Sky News, Sky Business and Australian Public Affairs (APAC) channels. 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 the department.

For the period 7 September to 17 September, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations paid \$0 for pay TV services. For the period 18 September to 30 November 2013 the Department of Education¹ paid \$864 for pay TV services.

The Ministers' offices are provided with either the Business Information and Sports package or the Business Premium package.

For the period 7 September to 17 September 2013 the Ministers' offices paid \$80 for pay TV services. For the period 18 September to 30 November 2013 the Ministers' offices paid \$1,357 for pay TV services.

2 and 3. The department subscribes 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.

Details of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the departments for the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 are below.

Publication	DEEWR 7-17 Sept 2013	Department of Education¹ 18 Sept – 30 Nov 2013
Campus Review		
Harvard Business Review		
The Age		
The Advertiser (Adelaide)		
The Australian		
The Australian Financial Review		
The Canberra Times		
The Courier Mail		
The Daily Telegraph		
The Economist		
The Herald Sun		
The Indigenous Times		
The Koori Mail		
The Land		
The Mercury		
The Northern Territory News		
The Sydney Morning Herald		
The Weekend Australian		
The Weekly Times		
	\$5,078	\$25,673

Details of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the Ministers' offices for the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 are below.

Publication	7-17 Sept 2013	18 Sept – 30 Nov 2013
The Australian		
The Australian Financial Review		
The Herald Sun		
	\$12	\$313

4. The department purchases a range of publications in order to maintain current knowledge of government policy with reference to Government programs delivered by the department; current local, national and international political issues; international research and analysis on key issues to the department; and emerging issues relevant to the department. To provide a listing of all publications would be an unnecessary diversion of resources.

For the period 7 September to 17 September 2013 the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations paid \$1,604 for publications. For the period 18 September to 30 November 2013 the Department of Education¹ paid \$10,184 for publications.

For the period 7 September to 17 September 2013 the Ministers' offices paid \$1,562 for publications. For the period 18 September to 30 November 2013 the Ministers' offices paid \$5,034 for publications.

¹. Corporate and the State Office Network provide services to the Department of Education and the Department of Employment. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.