

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio  
May 2014**

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<b>Department</b>	Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>Topic</b>	Newspaper and magazine subscriptions
<b>Senator</b>	Senator Wong
<b>Question reference number</b>	175
<b>Type of question</b>	Written

**Question**

- 1 Please provide details of current departmental/agency newspaper and magazine subscription services including:
  - a Title of newspaper/magazine.
  - b Whether the subscription is hardcopy/online/both.
  - c Cost since 11 February 2014.

**Answer**

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For the period 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014, the PBO paid \$3,125.22 (GST exclusive) for newspapers and magazine subscriptions which included three annual subscription renewals to the AFR. The estimated average monthly cost for newspapers and magazines subscriptions is \$585.00 (GST exclusive) per month.