

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 13 and 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-095

**OUTCOME 0:** Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Senator Boyce

**Question:**

- a) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- b) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
- c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- d) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- e) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
- f) What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- g) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- h) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
- i) What is the cost for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

The responses include subscriptions for the Department of Health and Ageing, including National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment, Office of Gene Technology Regulator, Therapeutic Goods Administration and Office of the Aged Care Commissioner.

a) See table below.

b) See table below.

<b>Pay TV Subscriptions</b>	<b>Channels &amp; reason for each</b>
Foxtel	Foxtel Business Value Package - For media monitoring.
Foxtel	Foxtel Business and Sports package includes: Sky News; CNN; BBC World; The Weather Channel; Bloomberg; Fox News; CNBC; Fox Sports News and Sport 1,2 &3; Australian Public Affairs channels. Channels are used to monitor news and Parliamentary coverage. Foxtel advises this is the best value package for current business needs.
Sky News Australia	Sky News – To keep up to date with current local, national and international issues.

c) The cost of Pay TV for this financial year to date (1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013) is \$4,835.

d) See table below.

e) See table below.

<b>Newspaper Subscriptions</b>	<b>Reasons for each</b>
Age Australian Australian Financial Review Canberra Times Sydney Morning Herald Herald Sun Weekend Australian Weekend Financial Review Sunday Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide and support informed policy and program decision making for the department.</li> <li>• To keep informed of government, department, stakeholder and service industry related news items.</li> <li>• To keep informed and up-to-date on local issues, in particular, issues reported relating to our funded services, enabling us to provide up-to-date and immediate information to program areas and into Briefings, Ministerials and Question Time Brief requests.</li> <li>• To keep abreast of health and financial related issues and articles.</li> </ul>
Advertiser Advocate Examiner Mercury Centralian Advocate Courier Mail Daily Telegraph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide alerts about any local hot issues and to enable a quick response to any queries relating to media coverage of a particular issue or event.</li> <li>• To keep informed and up-to-date on local issues, in particular, issues reported relating to our funded services, enabling us to provide up-to-date and immediate information to program areas and into Briefings, Ministerials and Question Time Brief requests.</li> <li>• To keep up-to-date with current local, national and international issues.</li> </ul>
Koori Mail National Indigenous Times Torres News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important source of information about Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander health, education, employment, social issues and community initiatives.</li> <li>• These newspaper have state-by-state sections with articles of interest that are not always reported in the mainstream newspapers.</li> <li>• Required for monitoring of workforce related issues, recruitment and advertising as well as cultural awareness.</li> </ul>

Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with issues relating to gene technology in the media and prepare briefings to the Parliamentary Secretary.</li> </ul>
North West Telegraph Weekend West West Australian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep informed and up-to-date on local issues, in particular, issues reported relating to our funded services, enabling us to provide up-to-date and immediate information to program areas and into Briefings, Ministerials and Question Time Brief requests.</li> </ul>

f) The cost of newspapers for this financial year to date (1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013) is \$17,253.

g) See table below.

h) See table below.

<b>Magazine Subscriptions</b>	<b>Reasons for each</b>
AgBiotech Reporter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with issues relating to gene technology</li> </ul>
AusPharm List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with the developments in the pharmaceutical industry</li> </ul>
Australasian Journal on Ageing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep informed about aged care and the aged care industry</li> </ul>
Australian Ageing Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support informed policy and program decision making for the department.</li> </ul>
Australian Doctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with emerging issues.</li> </ul>
Australian Legal Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with issues relating to gene technology.</li> </ul>
Australian Nursing Journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support informed policy and program decision making for the department.</li> </ul>
Australian Nursing Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For current information including issues within the nursing workforce.</li> </ul>
Chemistry in Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For research and general industry knowledge articles of interest to scientific staff doing chemical assessments and information on relevant recent regulatory developments.</li> </ul>
Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about consumer reviews relevant to work of the department.</li> </ul>
Economist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with current local, national and international issues.</li> </ul>
Food Science & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For subject matter, information and news.</li> </ul>
Harvard Business Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For insight into business practices across the world from industry experts in leadership and management.</li> </ul>
Hearing Journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For up-to-date information about hearing and the hearing industry.</li> </ul>
Hospital and Aged Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support informed policy and program decision making for the department.</li> </ul>
Insite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For information about aged care and the aged care industry.</li> </ul>
Medical Observer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with developments in the health sector.</li> </ul>
New Scientist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep up-to-date with issues relating to gene technology as well as those affecting general practice.</li> </ul>
International Blood and Plasma News (IBPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For industry intelligence about blood fractionation, quality and safety of blood and blood products, recalls, new products and alternatives, outcomes of clinical trials, fractionation contracts awarded and international prices paid for products.</li> </ul>

Pharmaco-epidemiology and Drug Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep up-to-date with developments in the pharmaceutical industry.</li> </ul>
Pharmacy News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep up-to-date with developments in the pharmaceutical industry.</li> </ul>
Pharmacy Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep up-to-date with developments in the pharmaceutical industry.</li> </ul>
Script Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep up-to-date with developments in the pharmaceutical industry.</li> </ul>
Well at Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote occupational health and safety as well as information about healthy lifestyles to promote wellness of staff.</li> </ul>

- i) The cost of magazines for this financial year to date (1 July 2012 – 31 January 2013) is \$16,350.