

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 29 MAY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Media Subscriptions

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Question:

- a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- b) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) – c) Some areas of the department purchase subscription television services, newspapers and magazines to support departmental operations. There is no central register of service details.
The financial management information system is set up to combine all subscriptions which includes the purchase of books (technical and non-technical), videos, periodicals, journals, newspapers and subscriptions. Due to the large amount of information, the preparation of an answer to this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.