

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Media Subscriptions

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Question:

- a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?
 1. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 2. What was the cost for 2010-11?
 3. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
- b) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
 1. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 2. What was the cost for 2010-11?
 3. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
- c) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
 1. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 2. What was the cost for 2010-11?
 3. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Answer:

- a)
 1. Yes. Some areas of the department purchase certain subscription television services and packages to support departmental operations, for example Parliamentary TV.
 2. The cost of these services was not recorded separately in 2010-11.
 3. At this stage of the financial year it is not possible to accurately estimate the whole-of-year expenditure for 2011-12.
- b)
 1. Yes. Some areas of the department subscribe to newspapers for information and reference to support departmental operations. There is no central register of subscription details.
 2. See (a)(2).
 3. See (a)(3).
- c)
 1. Yes. Some areas of the department subscribe to magazines primarily for the purpose of obtaining current information in specific professional fields or relevant to specific activities. There is no central register of subscription details.
 2. See (a)(2).
 3. See (a)(c).