

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 46

Topic: Media Subscriptions

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
- What was the cost for 2010-11?
- What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Answer:

Yes. Subscriptions to newspapers supplement the Department's media monitoring service, assisting to put an article in context with other columns or commentary relating to press coverage about portfolio business, but not necessarily relevant for our media monitoring service to capture.

Newspaper subscriptions assist departmental officers to obtain information about current trends, and expert and stakeholder views of broader issues relevant to the Department.

The cost and list of newspapers is not readily available for the Department and portfolio agencies without the use of significant resources.