

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 144

Topic: Media subscriptions

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
 - b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
 - a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

Answer:

1. (a-d) Details and invoices for pay TV subscriptions provided to the department are not stored centrally, therefore this information cannot be provided without diversion of resources.

The department does not provide the Minister's Office with subscriptions.

Aged Care Commissioner

ACC has not subscribed to any TV subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

ACCP has not subscribed to any TV subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

AACQA has not subscribed to any TV subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

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AIFS has not subscribed to any TV subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

National Disability Insurance Agency

The NDIA has not subscribed to any TV subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

The SSAT has not subscribed to any TV subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

2. (a-b) To answer the question regarding newspaper subscriptions purchased by the department would require a significant diversion of resources.

(c-d) Since Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 August 2014 newspapers have been provided to Minister Andrews' and Assistant Minister Fifield's Offices at a cost of \$3,811.30.

Aged Care Commissioner

ACC has not subscribed to any newspaper subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

- a. The Australian and The Financial Review - to keep abreast of news, current affairs and financial/economic affairs, including developments in the aged care industry
- b. The cost of newspaper subscriptions for the specified period was \$270.00
- c. Nil
- d. Nil

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

AACQA has not subscribed to any newspaper subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

- a. a). Herald Sun, The Age, The Australian, Australian Financial review
- b. Newspaper subscriptions ensure staff members are kept abreast of current issues that may affect the Institute and current and future research opportunities
- c. b). Newspaper subscriptions cost \$552.00 (exclusive of GST) from 30 June – 31 August 2014
- d. c). Nil
- e. d). Nil

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- a. Australian Financial Review (AFR), the Newcastle Herald and the Sydney Morning Herald. The purpose of the subscriptions for the Newcastle Herald and the Sydney Morning Herald are for the waiting area in the Newcastle site office. The Chief Financial Officer requires a digital edition of the AFR.
- b. For the period 1 June to 31 August 2014, the NDIA's expenditure on these packages was \$334 (GST exclusive).
- c. Nil
- d. Nil

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

- a. The Australian, The Age, Courier Mail, Sydney Morning Herald, The Advertiser and
 - b. The West Australian.
 - c. \$1,242.29 (GST exclusive)
 - d. Nil
 - e. Nil
3. (a-b) To answer the question regarding magazine subscriptions purchased by the department would require a significant diversion of resources.

(c-d) From 1 July 2014 to 31 August 2014 there have been no magazine subscriptions purchased for the Minister's Office.

Aged Care Commissioner

ACC has not subscribed to any magazine subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

ACPC has not subscribed to any magazine subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

AACQA has not subscribed to any magazine subscriptions since Budget Estimates in June, 2014?

Australian Institute of Family Studies

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- a. Annual subscriptions to three publications, Work Life Solutions Newsletter and Portner Press Health and Safety Newsletter and Techlife. These publications are provided to managers to keep informed of industry developments.
 - b. \$478.65 (GST exclusive)
 - c. Nil.
 - d. Nil
4. (a-b) To answer the question regarding publications purchased by the department would require a significant diversion of resources.

(c-d) From 1 July 2014 to 31 August 2014 there have been no publications provided to the Minister's Office.

Aged Care Commissioner

ACC has not purchased any publications since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

ACPC has not purchased any publications since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

AACQA has not purchased any publications since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

As AIFS runs a library to answer this question would require a significant diversion of resources.

National Disability Insurance Agency

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a. LexisNexis Butterworths

Aust Admin Law Decisions	Cross on Evidence
Aust Admin Law	Federal Crim Law
Family Law Reports	Ford's Principles Corp Law
Aust Family Law	Halsburys Laws Aust
Aust Immigration Law	Unreported Judgments
Aust Law Reports	Aust Ency Legal Dictionary
CaseBase	Bankruptcy Law & Practice
Civil Procedure South Aust	

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Australian Family Law Handbook x7	Australian Family Law Court Handbook
Australian Family Law and Practice	Australian Social Security Guide x 12

Thomson Reuters

Aust Journal of Admin Law Parts Only

These publications assist members of the SSAT in the exercise of their statutory duties.

- b. \$27,505 (GST exclusive)
- c. Nil
- d. Nil