

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 17**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Media subscriptions**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your Department/Agency have?
  - a. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
  - b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your Department/Agency have?
  - a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your Department/Agency have?
  - a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer:**

1. The ACMA subscribes to Foxtel.
  - a. The channels included in this package are skyNEWS, World News, CNN, The Weather Channel, Bloomberg, Fox News, CNBC, a-pac, Ajazeera and CCTV News. A number of sports, documentaries and other miscellaneous channels are also included as part of the overall package. The ACMA subscribes to Foxtel to oversee and monitor various content and technical issues whilst also responding to complaints under the Broadcast Services Act, for example, the anti-siphoning rules.
  - b. \$0.006m
2. The ACMA subscribes to a number of newspapers.
  - a. The newspaper subscriptions are the Australian, The Age, Financial Review, Canberra Times and the Daily Telegraph. The ACMA as a regulator keeps abreast of, and monitors media issues in the industry as they emerge.
  - b. \$0.006m
3. The ACMA subscribes to a magazine.
  - a. The magazine subscription is to the Economist.
  - b. \$0.003m