

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014
Communications Portfolio
Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 279

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)

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.
 - a. As a news broadcaster, and as the owner of two subscription television channels broadcast on the Foxtel platform, SBS subscribes to Foxtel – all channels.
 - b. \$5,418.
2.
 - a. SBS purchases newspapers, magazines and publications in order to keep abreast of local and international industry developments and news and current affairs coverage. To provide further details would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
 - b. \$54,467.
3. As above.