

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 136**

**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 25 February 2014 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 25 February 2014 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 25 February 2014 to date?
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 is the cost from 25 February 2014 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 Broadcasting Services Act, for example, the anti-siphoning rules.
  - b. \$2,354.54
2. The ACMA subscribes to a number of newspapers.
  - a. The newspaper subscriptions are The Australian, The Age, Financial Review, The Canberra Times and The Sydney Morning Herald. The ACMA, as a regulator, keeps abreast of and monitors media issues in the industry as they emerge.
  - b. \$7,111.55
3. The ACMA does not subscribe to any magazines.
4. Publications are not costed separately in the ACMA's purchasing/payment system. Please refer to our responses concerning the ACMA's media/newspaper subscriptions above.