

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 323**

**Program No. NBN Co Limited**

**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. (a–b) NBN Co has subscriptions to Foxtel's Business Information package in order to stay informed of relevant public affairs and events. During the period, expenditure was \$2,540 (GST excluded)
2. (a-b) NBN Co has subscriptions for The Australian Financial Review, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Herald Sun, The Daily Telegraph, and The Australian. The subscriptions are to ensure the company can track relevant public developments, business news and industry commentary. During the period 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014 expenditure was \$3,740 (GST excluded).
3. (a-b) There is no central repository for magazine subscriptions alone. Individuals are able to order periodicals relevant to their work via their expenses.
4. (a-b) Not applicable.