

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - MEDIA SUBSCRIPTIONS - NEWSPAPER
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Senator Ludwig asked:

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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

Answer:

Department of the Environment (the Department)

a) The Department subscribes to the following newspapers to assist with identifying and tracking relevant issues and which may impact key stakeholders:

- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Australian
- The Financial Review
- The Canberra Times
- The Age
- Koori Mail
- The Mercury
- The Land
- Tasmanian Country
- Deniliquin Pastoral Times
- Barrier Daily Truth
- Headland Media Australian and International daily PDF papers

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the Department spent \$10,478.96 (GST inclusive) on newspaper subscriptions.

c) The following newspapers were provided to the Minister's Office during this period:

- The Adelaide advertiser
- The Age
- The Australian
- The Courier Mail
- The Canberra Times
- The Australian Financial Review

- The Hobart Mercury
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Daily Telegraph
- The West Australian
- Melbourne Herald Sun

d) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the Department spent \$1,358.26 (GST inclusive) on newspaper subscriptions for the Ministers Office.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)

a) GBRMPA subscribes to the following newspapers for media monitoring and keeping abreast of local and regional events that may affect GBRMPA:

- The Courier Mail
- The Australian
- The Townsville Bulletin
- The Cairns Post
- Mackay Daily Mercury
- The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin
- Cooktown Local News

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, GBRMPA spent \$747.15 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Director of National Parks (DNP)

a) DNP subscribes to the following newspapers which commonly have articles that are of interest to, related to or specifically about the work undertaken by the DNP:

- NT News
- The South Coast Register
- The Indigenous Times
- The Koori Mail
- West Australian
- The Age
- The Australian
- The Financial Review
- The Mercury

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, DNP spent \$1,040.50 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)

a) The Bureau subscribes to the following newspapers for situational awareness of weather, warnings and other operational events as reported through media channels:

- Age
- Herald Sun
- Australian
- Australian Financial Review
- West Australian
- NT News
- Department of Defence – Army News

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, BOM spent \$1,481.80 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable

Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority)

The Authority subscribes to media monitors to provide newspaper coverage to support implementation of the Basin Plan and provide an online platform for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's staff:

- Media Monitors

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority has spent \$16,536 (GST inclusive) on Media Monitors.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable

National Water Commission (the Commission)

a) The National Water Commission subscribes to the following newspapers to assist with identifying emerging issues and track areas of national, regional and local interest relevant to the Commission:

- The Australian
- Canberra Times
- Sydney Morning Herald
- Financial Review
- The Land
- Weekly Times.

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the NWC spent \$1,242 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust)

a) The Trust undertakes media monitoring solely through online channels and its existing AAP-Medianet account through the Department of Environment. The Trust has retained the following online newspaper subscriptions:

- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Australian

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the Trust spent 57.80 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Clean Energy Regulator (CER)

a) The CER subscribes to the following newspapers to keep up to date with current events that may affect the Agency:

- The Australian
- Financial Review
- The Age
- Sydney Morning Herald

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the CER spent \$483.86 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Climate Change Authority (the Authority)

a) The Authority subscribes to the following newspapers to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the Authority:

- The Age
- The Australian
- Financial Review

b) For the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, the Authority spent \$553 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.