

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 162

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
 - b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
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 has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

Answer:

1. a) to d). NBN Co has subscriptions to Foxtel's Business Information package in order to stay informed of relevant public affairs and events. During the period June 2014 to 20 November 2014, expenditure was \$5,716.64 (GST inclusive).
2. a) to d) 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 June 2014 to 20 November 2014 expenditure was \$8,857.04 (GST inclusive). NBN Co does not provide newspapers to its Shareholder Ministers or their offices.
3. a) to d). There is no central repository for magazine subscriptions alone. Individuals are able to order periodicals relevant to their work via their expenses. NBN Co does not provide magazine to its Shareholder Ministers or their offices.
4. a) to d). There is no central repository for publications alone. Individuals are able to order publications relevant to their work via their expenses. NBN Co does not provide any subscriptions to the Minister or the Minister's office.