

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Question No: 520

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service

Hansard Ref: Hansard In writing

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Answer

1.
 1. As a news broadcaster, and as the owner of two subscription television channels broadcast on the Foxtel platform, SBS subscribes to Foxtel – all channels.
 2. \$15,615
 3. Nil
 4. N/A
2.
 1. SBS purchases newspapers, magazines and publications in order to keep abreast of local and international industry developments and news and current affairs

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coverage. To provide further details would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2. \$25,021.20
3. Nil
4. N/A

3. As above per question 2
4. As above per question 2