

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

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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 1 May to 30 September 2014?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 1 May to 30 September 2014?

Answer:

Department of the Environment (the Department)

a) The Department subscribes to a number of newspapers to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the Department and issues that impact on business and the community:

- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Australian
- The Financial Review
- The Mercury
- The Age
- Headland Media Australian and International daily PDF papers
- Barrier Daily Truth
- Australian Financial Review
- The Canberra Times
- NT News

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, the Department spent \$5,247.38 (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 Financial Review

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

d) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, the Department spent \$3784.77 (GST inclusive) on newspapers 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
- Tully Times

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, GBRMPA spent \$954.20 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

National Water Commission (the Commission)

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

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

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, the Commission spent \$2,032.00 (GST inclusive)

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Director of National Parks (DNP)

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

- NT News
- The South Coast Register
- The Indigenous Times
- The Koori Mail

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, DNP spent \$247.05 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority)

a) Nil.

b) Not applicable.

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 for the period to end December 2013:

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

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, the Trust spent \$51.83 (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 Age
- The Australian
- The Australian Financial Review
- Sydney Morning Herald

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, the CER spent \$1,335.00 (GST inclusive) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.

Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)

a) The Bureau subscribes to the following newspapers to provide the Bureau with situational awareness, and enable to the Bureau to check accuracy of weather graphics.

- The Age
- The Herald Sun
- The Australian
- Australian Financial Review

b) For the period 1 May to 30 September 2014, the Bureau spent \$1,390.88 (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 May to 30 September 2014, the Authority spent \$526.00 (including GST) on newspapers.

c) Nil.

d) Not applicable.