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Question: AET 372-375

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Written: 5 March 2014

## Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 372. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- 373. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- 374. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- 375. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

#### Answer:

372.

- a. The ACCC subscribes to a Business value package through Foxtel to access news and current affairs broadcasts.
- b. \$1,178.20.

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- c. The ACCC does not provide newspapers to Ministers or Ministers' Offices.
- d. Not applicable.

373.

a. Newspaper subscriptions include: The Australian, The Weekend Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Financial Review, The Land, The Daily Telegraph, major newspapers for all other capital cities. The ACCC also has online subscriptions to The Australian and the Financial Review.

Reason: Media monitoring and core research material.

- b. \$34 118.24.
- c. The ACCC does not provide newspapers to Ministers or Ministers' Offices.
- d. Not applicable.

374.

a. Magazines include: Business Review Weekly, The Economist, My Business, Choice, and Retail World.

Reason: Media monitoring and core research material, creating alerts.

- b. \$1 230.75.
- c. The ACCC does not provide magazines to Ministers or Ministers' Offices.
- d. Not applicable.

375.

- a. The ACCC Library purchased 11 books required by staff for work in the period, and subscribes to around 60 online and hard copy journals, including:
  - 20 competition and consumer journals and newsletters;
  - 20 law journals;
  - 12+ economics and regulatory journals;
  - Small number of energy, telecoms and utilities journals.
    Reason: Journals are key to furthering our regulatory expertise, provide core research material, and are used to alert staff to legal and regulatory developments.
- b. \$30 667.40.
- c. The ACCC does not provide publications to Ministers or Ministers' Offices.
- d. Not applicable.