

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency:** Treasury  
**Question:** AET 1549-1552  
**Topic:** Media Subscriptions  
**Reference:** written - 19 February 2016  
**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

**Question:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1549. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
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1550. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
1551. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
1552. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
- Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

**Answer:**

1549. Foxtel

- Foxtel is required to monitor news, business and financial television.

Channels subscribed to are:

- *A-Pac*
- *Al Jazeera*
- *CCTV News*
- *BBC World*
- *CNBC*

- *Bloomberg Television*
- *Sky News Australia*
- *Sky News for Business*
- *CNN*
- *FOX News Channel*

- b) During the period 14 September to 19 February expenditure is \$17,457.83 (including GST)
- c) The same channels listed above are available.
- d) No additional cost is involved. These services are provided as part of the Treasury Foxtel subscription bundle.

1550.

- a) Newspapers subscribed to are:
- Australian Financial Review (AFR)
  - The Australian
  - Canberra Times
  - Sydney Morning Herald
  - The Age
  - Daily Telegraph
  - Financial Times
  - Melbourne Herald Sun
  - The Courier Mail
  - The Economist (magazine)
  - Business Review Weekly (magazine)

Newspapers/Magazine/Publications are required to monitor current political, business and financial news.

- b) Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015, expenditure is \$37,401.85 (including GST).
- c) Newspapers for the Ministers' Offices are included in the Treasury package.
- d) Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015, expenditure is \$6,243.69 (including GST).

1551. As per Q 1550

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