

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Additional Estimates
2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ABS
Question: AET 1557-1560
Topic: Media Subscriptions
Reference: written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

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

1557. 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?
1558. 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?
1559. 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?
1560. 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:

Since 14 September 2015:

1557. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? N/A

1558. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?

- a) Please provide a list of newspapers subscriptions and the reason for each.

Newspapers subscriptions include:

The Australian: provides information, commentary and analysis in a broad range of subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology, political news affecting ABS survey and business areas.

The Australian Financial Review: This is a critical source of information and analysis of business, economics and finance in the Australian economy. It assists in the ABS Economic subject matter area.

The Weekly Times: This newspaper provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting agriculture and rural areas including the grain and hay prices. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with agricultural and rural issues.

b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

\$1001.40

c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? N/A

d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? N/A

1559. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?

a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.

The Economist (magazine). The magazine provides general information, analytical commentaries, debates and discussion on topics (Economics, Business, Banks, Markets and other) which are of relevance to ABS through the regional and international perspective.

b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

This title is included as part of the newspapers cost. It is \$220 (out of the newspaper costs- as above).

c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?

N/A

1560. What publications does your department/agency purchase?

a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.

Australian Personal Computer (print copy publication is different to online version) required by Technical Services Division members,

Koori Mail (print copy version preferred by ABS, Canberra office NCATSIS team and ABS Regional offices), Stock Journal (Agricultural information only available in print format).

b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

\$850.11

c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? N/A

d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? N/A