

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

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: Australian Taxation Office**

**Question: AET 1581-1584**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

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

1581. 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?
1582. 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?
1583. 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?
1584. 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:**

- 1581.
- a) The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network's ICON Service to supply 'House Monitoring System ParlTV'.
  - b) The cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 is \$ 2,923 (GST exclusive). The annual cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for 2015-16 is \$7,015 (GST exclusive).
  - c) The ATO does not provide pay TV subscriptions for the Minister or their office.
  - d) Not applicable.

1582.

- a) The ATO subscribes to a range of magazines, newspapers and journals. These subscriptions are primarily business and/or industry focused. The ATO's financial management information system does not separately identify these costs by publication.
- b) For the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, expenditure on magazines, newspapers and publications for the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) was \$ 115,691 (GST exclusive).
- c) The ATO does not provide newspaper subscriptions for the Minister or their office.
- d) Not applicable.

1583. Refer to 1582.

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