

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question No: AET 94

Topic: Subscriptions

Reference: Written

Senator: Bilyk

Question:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the ATO?
2. Please provide a complete list of each service top which the ATO subscribed.

Answer:

1. The total cost of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in calendar year 2016 for the ATO was \$9,325,259 (GST exclusive)*

2.

CCH [British Tax Lib.; Intelliconnect; CCH eBooks; CCH Canada; CCH US] (not incl ebooks and hardcopy)	Legal research tool to search for legislation, commentary and cases for Australia and international jurisdictions.
VedaCheck	Provides access to land titles and motor vehicle checks, as well as ASIC company documents, bankruptcy information, credit, due diligence and property equity reports.
Bureau van Dijk	Orbis contains information on nearly 150 million companies worldwide, including private company information.
LexisNexis [Capital Monitor; LN Australia; LN International; Nexis; Quicklaw (Canada);	Provides access to Australian and international news, social media sources, company and financial sources, industry sources and executive and biographical sources.
Quicklaw	This LexisNexis Canada service provides access to Canadian legal research materials as well as some older materials for other jurisdictions, including the United States, United Kingdom and European Union.
IBIS World	Provides access to company research and financial data reports for the top 2,000 Australian companies as well as well as industry research reports.

Bloomberg Professional Service	Offers broad coverage of business information, for example, company overviews, major shareholders, analyst reports, share prices, as well as news content.
Bloomberg Enterprise	As above
ProQuest	This database has a selection of full-text newspapers and newswires from Australia and New Zealand covering regional and international topics. Titles include The Australian, The Age, Sydney Morning Herald, Canberra Times (abstracts) and ABC broadcasting transcripts.
Factiva.com/Factiva Reader/DJX	This Dow Jones database contains global and local newswires, including many of the world's leading newspapers, trade publications and business magazines. Also covers market research reports, stock exchange announcements, investment analysis and company background data covering public and private companies.
Ratings Direct (S&P Capital IQ)	Provides access to public company credit ratings, credit methodologies of major credit rating agencies, current and historical credit ratings, and debt issuer ratings.
Company 360	Provides information on the top 50,000 Australian public and private companies. The database includes information on company directors as well as industries and products.
Global Reference Solutions - D&B	Caters for the analysis and research of corporate linkage information on international companies.
Macquarie Dictionary	Online access to the Macquarie Dictionary. The Macquarie Dictionary is used by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel to draft Commonwealth statutes.
Bloomberg BNA	<i>Tax Management Transfer Pricing Premier Library</i> – Provides access to current and authoritative information about income and corporate taxation regimes in overseas countries. <i>Tax Planning International Library and BNA Country Profiles</i> – Provides access to Tax Planning, Tax Management and Transfer Pricing content covering a range of overseas companies.
ICLR (TimeBase)	Provides access to the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Walkes (ICLR) Law Reports package including The Law Reports and the Weekly Law Reports.
Companies House Direct	Database includes UK company reports, directors' details and general company information.
Morningstar DatAnalysis Premium	This database incorporates fundamental equity data for listed and delisted companies, including revenue and expense breakdowns, financial ratios, growth rates, balance sheet and cash-flow data, director buying and selling announcements, company appointments and resignations, and merger and acquisition activity
Morningstar Equity Data Feed (Datalink)	Provides the ATO with raw data on a monthly basis (key financial data on all listed companies on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges).
Ebook Central (ProQuest)	A selection of downloadable eBooks covering topics in business, management and taxation.
Ebsco	Provides access to Business Source Complete, Legal Source and Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre.
Glass Autoedge subscription	Vehicle prices and specifications covering new and used passenger cars; commercial vehicles; motorcycles; caravans and campervans; boats, motors and trailers; and new personal water craft.

IBFD	The IBFD (International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation) Tax Research Platform provides access to a wide range of IBFD publications, including those from the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe.
Deloitte Access Economics	Economic analysis.
Informit	Provides access to abstracts and full-text articles from the databases AGIS Plus Text, APAFT and the Business Collection.
ITD Web	The International Tax Dialogue (ITD) is a joint initiative of the European Commission (EC), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), World Bank Group and the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT). The sharing of tax information is to encourage and facilitate the discussion of tax issues among national tax agencies, international organisations, and a range of other stakeholders.
The Mandarin	Public sector news for discussion, collaboration and learning about public work and the people and many challenges behind it.
Mergent Online	A business and financial research tool which provides information on company financials, descriptions, history, property, subsidiaries, officers and directors
OECD Library	Is the online library for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and features relevant books, papers and statistics.
OLISnext	Provides access to unclassified OECD Committee information including all publications and statistical products.
Oxford Reference Online Premium	Provides access to dictionaries, language references and subject reference guides.
Aust Law Dictionary	Australian Law Dictionary is an Oxford Reference title designed for those who want familiarity with and knowledge of Australian legal terms.
RP Data (CityScope)	This database includes real estate property valuation and house prices around Australia including Sydney & Brisbane. Includes access to Cityscope which is a commercial property database that provides information on all properties and strata units within defined CBD (capital business district) regions across Australia and New Zealand.
Safari Books Online	A selection of downloadable eBooks covering topics in business, management and taxation.
SAI Global	Standards Online is a service that provides access to the latest (electronic) editions of Australian and New Zealand standards. International standards can be purchased/unlocked on an ad hoc basis (but not included in the annual cost).
Tax Analysts	Provides tax news and analysis for the global community.
Tax Institute	Provides access to a range of publications, including Taxation Institute podcasts, seminar and convention papers as well as journals such as Tax Specialist, Taxation in Australia, and Australian Tax Forum. Staff can also access Tax Institute-produced videos
Timebase	Provides access to six Point-in-Time services - Income Tax; GST, Excise, Customs, Corporations and Energy and Resources. Includes legislative materials and relevant full text cases.

Westlaw AU	Provides access to cases, law reports and commentaries for all Australian jurisdictions.
Westlaw Next	Provides access to primary and secondary legal materials from the United States, Australia, Canada, European Union, United Kingdom, Hong Kong and other international jurisdictions.
Westlaw Next International News	The world news collection has hundreds of news publications from more than 70 countries. Daily headlines and summaries covering news, press releases, policy materials, full text cases, legislation and bill tracking are sourced from individual newspapers, newswire services, regional news multi-bases and Far East News.
Thomson Reuters Checkpoint	Tax and accounting tool for researching Australian jurisdictions.
Lynda.com	Online learning and capability tool.
National Bureau of Economic Research	Provides access to the NBER series "Public Economics: Taxation, Subsidies and Revenue", which studies the effects of taxation and government expenditure programs at the federal, state and local levels.
MASCOT (ASIC)	Provides access to the ASIC database which holds information relating to entities (e.g. companies) that are required to register with the Commission.
ISENTIA	Daily media relevant to ATO activities.
CEB Corporate Leadership Memberships	Global best practice leadership resource.
Lithium Technologies	Social media and digital channel management.

*The ATO reports on the net cost to the ATO, which is the standard accounting treatment for reporting. Whilst the ATO will pay invoices inclusive of GST, the GST is claimed back. Hence the net cost to the ATO is the GST-exclusive amount and therefore is what is reported.