

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2012

30 May 2012

Question: BET 974-976

Topic: Media subscriptions (ATO)

Hansard Page: Written (13/6/12)

Senator BUSHBY asked:

974. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
- a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 - b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?
975. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
- a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?
976. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
- a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Answer:

974. The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network.
- The annual cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for the 2011-12 financial year is \$6,572 (exclusive of GST), a one-off payment. This amount has not changed from the figure provided in February 2012, Question on Notice AET 459.
975. The ATO subscribes to a range of hard copy 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.
- In February 2012, the ATO estimated that it would spend approximately \$202,000 during 2011-12 on a range of hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals. There has been no material change in this estimate.
- As at 31 May 2012, the ATO's 2011-12 expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals was \$186,202.
976. Please refer to the response provided to BET 975.