

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: SBE 218-221

Topic: Media subscriptions (ATO)

Written: 29 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

218. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
219. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
220. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
221. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
- Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

218. The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network. There has been no change to the Parliamentary Network subscription since the last Senate Estimates questions on notice response in June 2013.

The annual cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for 2013-14 is \$6,811 (exclusive of GST). This was paid on 7 November 2013.

219. 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.

From 7 September to 30 November 2013, expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals was \$33,851 (exclusive of GST).

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