

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBT 202-205

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Written: 25 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

202. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?

- a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
- b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

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

- a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
- b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

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

- a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
- b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

205. 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 is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

** Figures to date as at 30 November 2013*

Answer:

202.

- a) The ACCC subscribes to a Business value package through Foxtel to access news and current affairs broadcasts.
- b) \$769

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- c) The ACCC does not provide these services to a Minister's office.
- d) Not applicable

203.

a) Newspaper subscriptions include: The Australian, The Weekend Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Financial Review, The Land, The Daily Telegraph, major newspapers for all other capital cities. Also, online subscriptions to The Australian and The Financial Review.

Reason: Media monitoring, research material and for investigations.

- b) Total cost of newspaper from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is \$5596.
- c) The ACCC does not provide newspapers to a Minister's Office.
- d) Not applicable

204.

a) Magazines include: Business Review Weekly, The Economist, My Business, Choice, and Retail World.

Reason: Media monitoring, research material and for investigations.

- b) Total cost of magazine subscriptions from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is \$546.
- c) The ACCC does not provide magazines to a Minister's Office.
- d) N/A

205.

a) The ACCC purchased 9 books required by staff for work in the period, and subscribes to around 60 online and hard copy journals, including:

- 20 competition and consumer journals and newsletters;
- 20 law journals;
- 12+ economics and regulatory journals; and
- a small number of energy, telecommunications and utilities journals.

Reason: Journals are key to furthering our regulatory expertise, provide core research material, and are used to alert staff to legal and regulatory developments.

- b) Total cost of publications from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is \$13,498.
- c) The ACCC does not provide magazines to a Minister's Office.
- d) Not applicable