

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

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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**Department/Agency: ATO**

**Question: SBT 1985-1988**

**Topic: Media subscriptions**

**Reference: written - 31 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1985. 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?
1986. 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?
  - e. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
1987. 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?
1988. 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?

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**Answer:**

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- a. The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network. There has been no change for the Parliamentary Network subscription since the last Senate Estimates questions on notice response in June 2014.
- b. The cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for the period 1 June to 31 October 2014 is \$2,906 (GST exclusive). The annual cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for 2014-15 is \$7,015 (GST exclusive).
- c. The ATO does not provide pay TV subscriptions for the Minister or their office.
- d. Not applicable.

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- a. 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.
- b. For the period 1 June to 31 October 2014, expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and publications for the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) was \$94,545 (exclusive of GST).
- c. The ATO does not provide newspaper subscriptions for the Minister or their office.
- d. Not applicable.

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