

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 333-336

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

333. 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?
334. 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?
335. 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?
336. 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?

Answer:

333. a) Foxtel is required to monitor news, business and financial television.

Channels subscribed to are:

- *A-Pac*
- *Al Jazeera*
- *CCTV News*
- *BBC World*
- *Bloomberg Television*
- *Sky News Australia*
- *Sky News for Business*

- b) Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, expenditure is \$13,817.50 (inc GST).

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c) The same channels listed above are available.

d) No additional cost is involved. These services are provided as part of the Treasury Foxtel subscription bundle.

334. a) Newspapers are required to monitor current political, business and financial news.

Newspapers subscribed to are:

- Australian Financial Review (AFR)
- The Australian
- Canberra Times
- Sydney Morning Herald
- The Age
- Daily Telegraph
- Financial Times
- Melbourne Herald Sun
- The Courier Mail
- The Economist (magazine)
- Business Review Weekly (magazine)

b) Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, expenditure is \$23,997.68 (inc GST)

c) Newspapers for the Ministers' Offices are as above

d) Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, expenditure is \$5,436.24 (inc GST)

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