

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Department/Agency: PC**

**Question: SBT3629-3632**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

3629. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3630. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3631. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3632. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
- Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

**Answer:**

As at 30 October 2014:

3629. Nil.
3630. a. *The Australian, Australian Financial Review, Canberra Times, The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald*. Access to national daily newspapers is a means of staying informed of issues relevant to the Commission's areas of responsibility and interests.
- \$14,085 (ex GST)
  - Not applicable
  - Nil

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3631. a. During this period, subscriptions were renewed to the *Economist* magazine. Access to selected magazines is a means of staying informed of activities and trends relevant to the Commission's areas of responsibility and interests.
- b. \$1,105 (ex GST).
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Nil.
3632. a. The Commission orders a diverse range of publications on an ad hoc basis relevant to the Commission's research program. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to list the publication and reason for each.
- b. \$6,103 (ex GST).
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Nil.