

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**Department/Agency: ABS**  
**Question: SBT615-618**  
**Topic: Media Subscriptions**  
**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**  
**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

615. 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?
616. 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?
617. 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?
618. 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:**

615. Nil.

616. a) Newspapers subscription include:

- The Australian: Provides information, commentary and analysis in a broad range of subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology, political news affecting ABS survey and business areas.
- The Australian Financial Review: This is a critical source of information and analysis of business, economics and finance in the Australian economy. It assists in the ABS Economic subject matter area.
- The Age: Provides information to ABS business and subject matter areas and survey areas in economics and business, information technology, social issues, and politics affecting Victoria.

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- The Advocate: Provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting South Australia.
- The Courier Mail: Provides valuable information to ABS business, and survey areas in economics and business, information technology, social issues, and politics affecting Queensland.
- The Daily Telegraph: Provides information to ABS business and survey areas economics and business, information technology, social issues, and politics affecting NSW. It is a useful additional source of reference to compare with other National and Regional news sources.
- The Herald Sun: Provides information to ABS business and survey areas economics and business, information technology, social issues, and politics affecting Victoria. It is a useful additional source of reference to compare with other National and Regional news sources.
- The Mercury: Provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Tasmania.
- The Sydney Morning Herald: Provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting NSW.
- Tasmanian Country: Provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting agriculture and rural areas, particularly Tasmanian. Content is particularly useful ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with agricultural and rural issues.
- The Sunday Examiner; Provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Northern Tasmania.
- The Weekly Times: Provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting agriculture and rural areas. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with agricultural and rural issues.
- The Indigenous Times: Provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting the Australian Indigenous Community. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with Indigenous and social issues.
- The Koori Mail: Provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting the Australian Indigenous Community, particularly in NSW. The content is useful for ABS subject matter areas concerned with Indigenous and social issues.

b) Cost for period 3 June 2014 to 30 October 2014 is \$4,152.55.

c) Nil.

d) Nil.

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617. a) The attached spreadsheet contains a list of core online publications subscribed to by the ABS. These publications are essential for the business of the ABS. The core online publications are purchased as part of a bundle subscription service which gives the ABS access to a large number of other publications. Titles cover a range of disciplines including economics, management, social research and information technology.
- b) Cost for period 3 June 2014 to 30 October 2014 is \$12,435.
- c) Nil.
- d) Nil.
618. Nil.
- a) Nil.
- b) Nil.
- c) Nil.
- d) Nil.