

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: SBT 889-892

Topic: Media subscriptions

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

889. 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?
890. 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?
891. 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?
892. 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:

- 889.
- a) The ACCC subscribes to a Business value package through Foxtel to access news and current affairs broadcasts.
 - b) \$559.08 from 1 July 2014 – 31 October 2014
 - c) The ACCC does not provide pay TV subscriptions to Ministers or Ministers' Offices.
 - d) Not applicable.

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- a) Newspaper subscriptions include: The Australian, The Weekend Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Financial Review, The Daily Telegraph, major newspapers for all other capital cities. Also, online subscriptions to The Australian and The Financial Review. Reason: Media monitoring and core research material.
- b) \$3436.65 from 1 July 2014 – 31 October 2014
- c) The ACCC does not provide newspapers to Ministers or Ministers' Offices
- d) Not applicable

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- a) Magazines include: The Economist, My Business, Choice, and Retail World. Reason Media monitoring and core research material.
- b) \$751.47 from 1 July 2014 – 31 October 2014
- c) The ACCC does not provide magazines to Ministers or Ministers' Offices
- d) Not applicable

892.

- a) During the period the ACCC purchased 7 books that were 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 newsletter
 - 20 law journals
 - 12 economics and regulatory journals
 - a small number of energy, telecoms and utilities journalsReason: Journals are key to furthering our regulatory expertise, provide core research material and are used of alerts.
- b) \$13,111.31 from 1 July 2014 – 31 October 2014
- c) The ACCC does not provide publications to Minister or Ministers' Offices
- d) Not applicable