

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: ATO

Question: SBT 1877-1880

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1877. 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?

1878. 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?

1879. 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?

1880. 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:

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- a. The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network's ICON Service to supply 'House Monitoring System ParlTV'. There have been no further changes since the last Senate Estimates questions on notice response in October 2014.
- b. The cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for the period 1 January to 31 October 2015 is \$5,845 (GST Free). The annual cost for the subscription to the Parliamentary Network for 2015-16 is \$7,015 (GST Free).
- c. The ATO does not provide pay TV subscriptions for the Minister or their office.

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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 January 2015 to 31 October 2015, expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and publications for the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) was \$ 221,357 (exclusive of GST).
- c. The ATO does not provide newspaper subscriptions for the Minister or their office.
- d. Not applicable.

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