

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 320-323

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Media Subscriptions

Since 1 January 2015:

- 320 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?
- 321 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?
322. 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?
323. 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:

1. 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
- CNBC
- Sky News Australia

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- Sky News for Business
- b) During the period 01 January 2015 to 28 October 2015 expenditure is \$30,483.75 (inc GST).
- c) Pay TV channels for the Ministers' Offices are as above.
2. 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) During the period 01 January 2015 to 31 October 2015 expenditure is \$59,955.86 (inc GST).
- c) Newspapers for the Ministers' Offices are as above.
- d) During the period 01 January 2015 to 31 October 2015 expenditure is \$19,690.12 (inc GST).
3. See Q2 (above)
- a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
4. See Q2 (above)
- a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)