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**Department/Agency: ACCC**

**Question: SBT 681-684**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Media Subscriptions

Since 1 January 2015:

681. 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?
682. 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?
683. 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?
684. 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:**

- 681.
- a) The ACCC subscribes to a Business value package through Foxtel to access news and current affairs broadcasts.
  - b) \$1,863 from 1 January 2015 – 31 October 2015.
  - c) Not applicable.
- 682.
- a) Newspaper subscriptions include: The Australian, The Weekend Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Financial Review, The Daily Telegraph,

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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) \$21,847.66 from 1 January 2015 to 10 October 2015 total includes subscription to online newspapers.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.

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- a) Magazines include: The Economist, Choice and Retail World Reason: Media monitoring and core research material.
- b) \$2504.90 from 1 January 2015 to 30 October 2015.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.

684.

- a) During the period the ACCC purchased 30 titles including Millers annotated Australian Competition and Consumer Law, and online publications that were required by staff for work in the period. The ACCC also subscribes to around 60 online and hard copy journals including:
  - 20 competition and consumer journals and newsletters.
  - 20 law journals.
  - 12 economics and regulatory journals.
  - A small number of energy, telecommunications and utilities journals.

Reason: Journals are key to furthering our regulatory expertise, provide core research material and are used for notifying staff of market, legal, economic and regulatory developments.

- b) \$21,910.00 from 1 January 2015 to 30 October 2015 – Journals  
\$15,140.57 from 1 January 2015 to 30 October 2015 – Books
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.