

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000233

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. ED0527_15

Media subscriptions

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. 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) The Department of Education and Training pay TV subscription is the Foxtel Business Package, comprising Sky News, Sky Business and Australian Public Affairs (APAC) channels. The subscription provides both national and international news and current affairs that directly relates to the work of the department.
 - b) The cost of the pay TV subscription is \$153.92 (GST inclusive) per month.
 - c) Minister Ryan's office had access to the Foxtel for Business package for the period 14 September 2015 to 21 September 2015. Minister Hartsuyker's office had access to the Foxtel for Business package for the period 14 September 2015 to 17 February 2016. The TV subscription was not provided to Minister Birmingham or Minister Pyne during this period.
 - d) For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 the department paid \$292.05.

2) and 3)

- a) The department's newspaper and magazine subscriptions are listed in the table below. The reasons for the subscriptions include: monitoring of articles on government policy with reference to Government programmes delivered by the department, providing access to up to date international research, analysis of issues key to the department and emerging issues relevant to the department.
- b) For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 the department spent \$28,254.38 (GST exclusive) on newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

Newspapers
Adelaide Advertiser
The Age
The Australian
Australian Financial Review
Canberra Times
Courier Mail
Daily Telegraph
Hobart Mercury
Herald Sun
Sydney Morning Herald
West Australian
National Indigenous Times
The Koori Mail
Northern Territory News
The Weekend Australian
The Weekly Times
Magazines/Journals
Australasian Journal Of Early Childhood
Australian Educator
Australian Journal Of Education
Australian Journal Of Indigenous Education
Campus Review
Centre For Strategic Education - Occasional Papers & Seminar Series
Children & Youth Services Review
Chronicle Of Higher Education
Comparative Education Review
Critical Studies In Education
Early Childhood Research Quarterly
Early Education And Development
Economics Of Education Review
Education Review - Australia
Educational Policy
Good Universities Guide
Higher Education Research & Development Journal
Higher Education Review
Inside Canberra
International Journal Of Educational Reform
Journal Of Australian Indigenous Issues
Journal Of Education Policy
Journal Of Higher Education Policy & Management
Journal Of Indigenous Policy
Journal Of Vocational Education & Training
Journal Of Youth Studies
Policy Studies

Quarterly Essay
Harvard Business Review
The Economist
The Land
News Digital
Tsukamoto Magazine Diamond

- c) and d) The department provides portfolio Ministers' offices with access to the magazine and newspaper subscriptions listed in the table below. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 the department paid \$2982.90 (GST exclusive).

Minister Birmingham	Minister Colbeck	Minister Hartsuyker	Minister Pyne	Minister Ryan
Adelaide Advertiser	The Age (Melbourne)	The Australian	Adelaide Advertiser	Canberra Times
The Age (Melbourne)	The Australian	Canberra Times	The Age (Melbourne)	Daily Telegraph
The Australian	Canberra Times	Australian Financial Review	The Australian	Courier Mail
Australian Financial Review	Australian Financial Review	Sydney Morning Herald	Courier Mail	Adelaide Advertiser
Melbourne Herald Sun	Hobart Mercury	Daily Telegraph	Canberra Times	West Australian
Sydney Morning Herald	Melbourne Herald Sun			
Daily Telegraph	Sydney Morning Herald			
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- 4) The department purchase a range of publications in order to maintain current knowledge of policy with reference to Government programmes delivered by the departments, international research, analysis of issues key to the department and emerging issues relevant to the department.