

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: ASQA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000569**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***ASQA: 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**

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response.

1. ASQA does not have any pay TV subscriptions nor does it provide pay TV subscriptions to the Minister's Office.
2.
  - (a) ASQA subscribes to the following newspapers: *The Australian, The Courier Mail, The Daily Telegraph, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian Financial Review, The Herald Sun, The Mercury, The Examiner* and *The Age*. These titles are provided for staff perusal.
  - (b) The cost of the subscriptions to these newspaper titles from 14 September, 2015 to 31 January, 2015 was \$2616.30.
  - (c) ASQA does not provide newspapers for the Minister's Office.
  - (d) n/a

3.
  - (a) ASQA has a subscription to Campus Review.
  - (b) The cost of this subscription from 14 September, 2015 to 31 January, 2016 was \$151.25 (inc GST)
  - (c) ASQA does not provide magazines for the Minister's Office.
  - (d) n/a
4. ASQA has not purchased any publications from 14 September 2015 to 31 January, 2016.
  - (a) n/a
  - (b) n/a
  - (c) ASQA does not provide publications for the Minister's Office.
  - (d) n/a