

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000578

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ACARA: 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 Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) provided the following response.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?	Foxtel	
1a. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel	Business Package: News Sports Documentary Music	News –keeping informed of significant educational issues and current affairs. Other channels (Sports, Music, Documentary) are part of the best value for money package.

1b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	\$1600	
1c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
1d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Nil	
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?	- Sydney Morning Herald - The Australian - The Australian Financial Review	
2a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.	- Sydney Morning Herald - The Australian The Australian Financial Review	To be informed on current educational issues and current affairs.
2b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	\$574	
2c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
2d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Nil	
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?	The Educator	
3a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each	The Educator	To be informed on current educational issues.
3b. What is the cost during the specified period	\$28.75	
3c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
3d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Nil	
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?	Health and Safety Journal Cunningham Library e-Macquarie Dictionary	
4a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each	Health and Safety Journal Cunningham Library e-Macquarie Dictionary	To assist with WHS compliance. To provide access to a wide variety of educational journals. To provide staff with an authoritative, up-to-date dictionary.
4b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	\$375	
4c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
4d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Nil	