

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0159_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Media subscriptions

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 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 is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

Answer

Department

1. The Department of Education's Pay TV subscription is a package containing Sky News, Sky Business and Australian Public Affairs (APAC) channels. The subscriptions provide both national and international perspectives and breaking news on a broad range of issues which both directly and indirectly impact on the work of the department.

For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 the Department of Education¹ paid \$792.03 for pay TV services.

The Education Ministers' offices are provided with the Business Premium package. For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 the Education Ministers' offices paid \$704.55 for pay TV services.

¹ For the 2013-14 financial year, costs associated with Corporate and the State Office Network functions cannot be simply attributed to the individual departments. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.

2 and 3. The department subscribes to the newspapers and magazines listed in the table below. The reasons for the subscriptions include: monitoring of articles on government policy with reference to Government programs delivered by the department; providing access to up to date international research and analysis on key issues to the department; and emerging issues relevant to the department.

Details of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the Department of Education¹ for the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 are below. The total cost for this period was \$9,089.12.

Publication
Harvard Business Review
The Age
The Advertiser (Adelaide)
The Australian
The Australian Financial Review
The Canberra Times
The Courier Mail
The Daily Telegraph
The Economist
The Herald Sun
The Indigenous Times
The Koori Mail
The Land
The Mercury
The Northern Territory News
The Sydney Morning Herald
The Weekend Australian
The Weekly Times

Details of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the Education Ministers' offices for the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 are below. The total cost for this period was \$4,792.50.

Publication
The Age
The Australian
The Australian Financial Review
The Daily Telegraph
The Hobart Mercury
The Herald Sun
The Sydney Morning Herald
News Digital
The Canberra Times

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4. The department purchases a range of publications in order to maintain current knowledge of government policy with reference to Government programs delivered by the department; international research and analysis on key issues to the department; and emerging issues relevant to the department. To provide a listing of all publications would be an unnecessary diversion of resources.

For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014 the Department of Education¹ paid \$97,547.48 for publications. Note that the majority of this expense relates to publications purchased by the Library which is a resource shared by the Department of Employment and the Department of Education.

For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, the Education Ministers' offices paid \$0 for publications.

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Agency

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	
1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?	Foxtel	
a. 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.
b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	\$1502.32	Two additional connections were installed
c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February to date?	Nil	
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?	- Sydney Morning Herald - The Australian - The Telegraph - The Australian Financial Review	
a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.	- Sydney Morning Herald - The Australian - The Telegraph The Australian Financial Review	To be informed on current educational issues and current affairs.
b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	\$574	
c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
d. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	Nil	
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?	Education Review	
a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each	Education Review	To keep staff informed on current educational issues.
b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	\$32.50	
c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
d. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	Nil	
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?	Health and Safety Journal Cunningham Library e-Macquarie Dictionary	
a. 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.

b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	\$375	
c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Nil	
d. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	Nil	

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

- 1a. Nil
b. Not Applicable
c. Nil
d. Not Applicable
2a. Nil
b. Not Applicable
c. Nil
d. Not Applicable
3a. Nil
b. Not Applicable
c. Nil
d. Not Applicable
4a – b.

Amount \$	Provider	Reason
1,562.00 (inc GST)	Seminar Series and Occasional Papers	Information source on education in Australia
435.00 (inc GST)	Cunningham Library, Australian Council for Educational Research	Daily news alerts, email updates to library collection, access to library collection and some online journals – good for research and government reports
US \$74.95	Education week (USA)	Daily news alerts and links to blog posts and some research papers – good for technology ideas and teaching tips
US\$130.00	American Educational Research Association	Information source on education in the USA

- c. Nil
d. Not Applicable

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

1. Nil
2a. The AIATSIS library is a national archival collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It has approximately 319 current newspaper, magazine and journal subscriptions including the newspapers, Koori Mail, National Indigenous Times and Torres News. AIATSIS also subscribes to The Australian, Canberra Times, Sydney Morning Herald and the Financial Review for awareness of current issues.
b. Total cost of newspaper and magazine/journal subscriptions are \$32,375.60 for the year (\$31760.00 for the library and \$613.16 for the local papers). They are all annual subscriptions.
c. Nil
d. Not applicable
3. Answers to question 2 above include newspapers, magazines and journals. AIATSIS' systems do not provide for further breakdown.
a. AIATSIS library is a national archival collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All magazine subscriptions and journals are related to this function.

- b. See 2b above.
- c. Nil
- d. Not applicable
- 4. The AIATSIS library is a national archival collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and purchasing publications for this collection is core business. Some publications are also purchased to support AIATSIS' research, publications and corporate functions.
 - a. 208 items have been purchased for the AIATSIS library, all relating to its purpose as a national archival collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These are primarily books, and do not include newspapers/ magazines /journals described in Question 2.
 - b. Cost from 1 March – 31 May 2014 \$13,230 excluding GST
 - c. Nil
 - d. Not applicable

Australian Research Council

- 1. TransACT
 - a. TransACT essentials package includes parliamentary services (House of Representatives and Senate) used for monitoring parliamentary sitting week and senate estimates
 - b. \$449.59
 - c. Nil
 - d. Not applicable
- 2a. The Australian - monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader Australian Government news relevant to the ARC specifically the Higher Education Supplement.
The Financial Review - The Financial Review monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader Australian Government news relevant to the ARC.
The Canberra Times - monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader Australian Government news relevant to the ARC.
 - b. \$115.65
 - c. Nil
 - d. Not applicable
- 3a. Who's Who – required for background material
 - b. Nil in this reporting period
 - c. Nil
 - d. Not applicable
- 4a. Oxford University Press - For science and public policy periodicals
Ulrichs - For academic and scholarly periodicals
Scientometrics - For scientific research journals
Elsevier - For research policy articles
Crikey - Monitor discussions regarding the higher education and research sector
Campus Review - Monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader news relevant to the ARC
Science - Ensures the ARC is aware of information in the premier publication for the Science sector
 - b. Nil for this reporting period
 - c. Nil
 - d. Not applicable

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

Media subscription	a. List	b. Cost from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014 (GST-exclusive)	c. Provided to Minister?	d. Cost of providing to Minister
1. Pay TV subscriptions	Nil	Nil	N/A	N/A
2. Newspaper subscriptions	(i) Australian Financial Review print & digital access (ii) Herald Sun and Daily Telegraph print & digital access (iii) The Australian print & digital pass (iv) The Age & Sydney Morning Herald print & digital access (v) The Australian (1 x hardcopies Wed issue only)	\$177.27 \$98.19 \$86.73 \$86.86 \$31.41 <u>\$480.46</u>	N/A	N/A
3. Magazine subscriptions	(i) CCH Political Alerts (ii) Times Higher Education (iii) Campus Review (iv) Harvard Business Review (v) Crikey Daily Mail (vi) Chronicle of Higher Education (vii) Image & Data Manager (IDM) (viii) Government Technology Review	\$347.25 \$56.17 \$52.27 \$45.42 \$43.41 \$21.77 \$18.18 \$12.50 <u>\$596.97</u>	N/A	N/A
4. Publications	Subscriptions Online Macquarie Dictionary & Thesaurus <u>Books</u> (i) Student Ratings of Instruction: A Practical Approach to Designing, Operating and Reporting (ii) SQL Server Analysis Services 2012 Cube Development Cookbook (iii) Australian Master Human Resources Guide 10 th Edition (iv) Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Contemporary Debates	\$89.77 \$20.12 \$68.04 \$144.55 \$106.94 <u>\$429.42</u>	N/A	N/A