

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media subscriptions**

Question: **174**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014

4. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
5. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
6. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
7. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
 - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer

1.
 - a. The following pay TV channels are provided free of charge to DPS for distribution throughout Parliament House:
 - SKY Business Channel
 - SKY News
 - CNN International
 - BBC World
 - CNBC Australia
 - Al Jazeera
 - A-PAC
 - Bloomberg
 - Fox Sports 1, 2 and 3
 - Fox News
 - Sky News Weather
 - Australia Network

The programs provide Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, their staff and staff of parliamentary departments with access to the content of publicly broadcast TV, current affairs programs, documentaries and other programs of interest that relate to their parliamentary and representational duties.

- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Not applicable.

2.

- a. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to hardcopy regional, national and overseas newspapers for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.

Regional newspapers

Norfolk Islander
Geelong Advertiser
Barrier Daily Truth
Border Mail
Goulburn Post
Herald - Newcastle
Maitland Mercury
Northern Star
Cairns Post
Chronicle Toowoomba
Gold Coast Bulletin
Tasmanian Country
Sunshine Coast Daily
Townsville Bulletin
Yorke Peninsula Country Times
Advocate - Burnie
Examiner - Launceston
Bendigo Advertiser
Northern Times
Spectator - Hamilton
Sunraysia daily
Wimmera Mail Times
The Kalgoorlie Miner
Queensland Country Life

Overseas newspapers

Papua New Guinea Post Courier
Jakarta Post
Guardian weekly

National newspapers

Canberra Times (including Saturday & Sunday editions)
Sydney Morning Herald (including weekend edition)
The Age (including Saturday and Sunday editions)
The Australian (including weekend edition)
Australian Financial Review (including weekend edition)
The Saturday Paper
Online newspapers are also available through NewsBank, Library Press Display and ANZ Newsstand.

- b. Between 7 September 2013 and 17 March 2014, the Library spent \$51,732.75 on newspaper subscriptions (International \$284.36 and Australian \$51,448.39).
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Not applicable.

3.

- a. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to 2,949 print and 25,670 electronic magazines/journals (serials) for use by Senators and Members and their staff to support the provision of information, analysis and advice. These titles are listed in the Library's catalogue; it is not practicable to include a full list of these titles here. Additionally, DPS work areas sometimes require magazine subscriptions to assist with their operational activities (e.g. technical manuals). These resources are classified as working tools and, although managed by the Parliamentary Library, are paid by the user areas.
- b. Magazines/journals for the Parliamentary Library collections are purchased by annual subscription. Between 7 September 2013 and 17 March 2014, the Library spent \$463,731.33 on such subscriptions and DPS expended a further \$11,148.72 on them.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Not applicable.

4.

- a. The Parliamentary Library purchases hardcopy publications for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.
- b. Between 7 September 2013 and 17 March 2014, the Library spent \$94,356.05 on publications.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Not applicable.