

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:**  
**Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Budget Estimates 2013–14**  
**Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**  
**February 2014**

<b>Department</b>	Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>Topic</b>	Media subscriptions
<b>Senator</b>	Senator Ludwig
<b>Question reference number</b>	79
<b>Type of question</b>	Written

**Question**

- 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 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?
- 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 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?
- 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 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?
- 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 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 Not applicable.
- 2
  - a The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) receives three copies of The Australian, four copies of the Australian Financial Review and one copy of The Canberra Times each business day. The PBO has three digital subscriptions to the Australian Financial Review and one digital subscription to The Australian.
  - b The cost of these subscriptions, from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$3,150.28.
  - c Not applicable.
  - d Not applicable.
- 3
  - a The PBO has a three year subscription to the Economist.
  - b Nil.
  - c Not applicable.
  - d Not applicable.
- 4
  - a The PBO has a two year subscription to the IBISWorld publication.
  - b From 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014, \$2,007.30 has been recognised as an expense for the IBISWorld publication.
  - c Not applicable
  - d Not applicable.

The PBO subscribes to the above publications to keep informed of current events and to access data and research material for use in its analytical and costing work.