

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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9 February 2016

Department/Agency: All
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Media subscriptions

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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:

For the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016:

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<p>1. Foxtel Television Subscription and Parliamentary TV subscription.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Foxtel Business Premium package and Parliamentary TV package.b) Foxtel television subscription - \$1,422.61 (GST excl).c) Foxtel Business Premium Package.d) \$149.91 (GST excl) per month for subscription fee. <p>Purpose is for monitoring media and parliamentary business.</p> <p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Australian (online and physical) Canberra Times The Australian Financial Review (online and physical) Daily Telegraph Sydney Morning Herald The Age Melbourne Herald Sun The Financial Times London (online) Financial Times The Spectator <p>Purpose is for media monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) \$21,943.84 (GST excl).c) Minister for Finance and Office: The Age The Age online The Australian The Australian (Digital Pass) The Australian Financial Review AFR digital Canberra Times Daily Telegraph Daily Telegraph online The Economist Melbourne Herald Sun Sydney Morning Herald West Australian

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	<p>d) For the period of 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016:</p> <p>\$4,107.98 (GST excl)</p> <p>3.</p> <p>a) – b). Australian Defence Magazine and Australian Defence Business Review \$90 (GST excl) – annual subscription cost.</p> <p>Provides information that may be used to inform policy development, provide advice to government, and monitor news, current affairs and trends.</p> <p>Media Week, (\$196.66 GST excl)* AdNews, (\$26.66 GST excl)* Campaign Brief (\$13.34 GST excl)* Research News (\$29.70 GST excl) *</p> <p>* Costs are for the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016.</p> <p>These publications assist in keeping up to date with the communications and research industry.</p> <p>c) – d). Nil.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a) – d). Nil.</p>
Australian Electoral Commission	<p>1. Nil.</p> <p>a) – d). N/A.</p> <p>2. – 4. The AEC’s financial system does not provide reporting data on newspaper and magazine subscriptions, and publications purchased. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.</p>
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<p>1. Foxtel – Business Value Package.</p> <p>a) Bloomberg TV. Sky News. Fox News.</p> <p>Purpose is for media monitoring and staff education.</p> <p>b) \$413.64 (GST excl).</p> <p>c) Nil.</p> <p>d) N/A.</p> <p>2.</p>

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	<p>a) The Australian Canberra Times Australian Financial Review Sydney Morning Herald</p> <p>Purpose of all subscriptions is for media monitoring and staff education.</p> <p>b) \$4,259.37 (GST excl). c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>a) The Economist.</p> <p>Purpose of all subscriptions is for media monitoring and staff education.</p> <p>b) \$78.93 (GST excl). c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a) CCH – Weekly Federal Bill Tracker Subscription CCH – Superannuation Digest CCH – Aus Corporation & Securities Legislation CCH – Parliament Political Alert CCH – Government News CCH – Federal Legal Bill Tracker Rainmaker Australian Corp and Securites Legislation Employment Law Update Superannuation Digest</p> <p>Purpose of all subscriptions is for staff information.</p> <p>b) \$17,834.86 (GST excl). c) Nil. d) N/A.</p>
Future Fund Management Agency	<p>1.</p> <p>a) Foxtel. The Future Fund operates in financial markets and we subscribe to Foxtel Business Premium Package to gain access to the business and news channels. b) \$841 (GST excl). c) – d). Nil.</p> <p>2.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Age, The Australian, Financial Times, The Australian Financial Review b) \$1,626 (GST excl). c) – d). Nil. <p>3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bloomberg Business Week, The Economist b) \$125 (GST excl). c) – d). Nil. <p>4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) – d). Nil.