

Question: 111
Topic: Media subscriptions
Written: 23 February 2016

Senator LUDWIG asked:

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

- 1 Not applicable.
- 2
 - a The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) receives two copies of The Australian, three copies of the Australian Financial Review (AFR) 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 For the period 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016, the PBO paid \$3,449.29 (GST exclusive) for newspaper subscriptions which included three annual subscription renewals to the AFR. The estimated average monthly cost for newspaper subscriptions is \$400 (GST exclusive) per month.
 - c Not applicable.
 - d Not applicable.

- 3
 - a The PBO has a one year subscription to the Economist magazine.
 - b Nil.
 - c Not applicable.
 - d Not applicable.

- 4
 - a The PBO has a one year subscription to the IBIS World publication.
 - b Nil.
 - 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.