

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media subscriptions**

Question: **208**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

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

- 1a. 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 channels 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.

- 1b. Not applicable.
- 1c. TV channels are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 1d. Not applicable.
- 2a. 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

Adelaide Advertiser (includes weekend edition)
Australian Financial Review (including weekend edition)
Canberra Times (including Saturday & Sunday editions)
Courier Mail (includes weekend edition)
Daily Telegraph (includes Saturday edition)
Herald Sun (includes weekend edition)
Hobart Mercury (includes weekend edition)
Northern Territory News
Sun Herald (Sunday edition)

Sunday Times (Perth, WA)
Sydney Morning Herald (including weekend edition)
The Age (including Saturday and Sunday editions)
The Australian (including weekend edition)
The Saturday Paper
West Australian (including Saturday edition)

Online newspapers are also available through iSentia MediaPortal, NewsBank, Library Press Display and ANZ Newsstand.

- 2b. From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Library spent \$8,528.64 (GST excl.) on print newspaper subscriptions (International \$401.65 and Australian \$8,126.99).
- 2c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 2d. Not applicable.
- 3a. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to 4,117 print and 34,961 electronic magazines/journals (serials) for use by Senators and Members and their staff, staff of the Library, and other parliamentary 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 trade journals). These resources are classified as working tools and, although managed by the Parliamentary Library, are paid by the user areas.
- 3b. Magazines/journals for the Parliamentary Library collections are purchased by annual subscription. From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Library spent \$768,665.28 (GST excl.) on such subscriptions and DPS expended a further \$15,330.30 (GST excl.)
- 3c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 3d. Not applicable.
- 4a. As a routine part of collection management, 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. These titles are listed in the Library's catalogue; it is not practicable to include a full list of these titles here.
- 4b. From 14 September to 31 January 2016, the Library spent \$190,562.95 (GST excl.) on publications.
- 4c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 4d. Not applicable.