

Question: 33**Topic: Media subscriptions****Written: 22 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?
 1. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
 1. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

Answer:

The department has no pay TV subscriptions, newspaper subscriptions, or magazine subscriptions and, as a parliamentary department, does not have a Minister. The department does provide newspapers to senators at Parliament House on sitting days and to the President's Hobart Office. The cost of providing newspapers since 14 September 2015 is \$18,612.

Since 14 September 2015 the department has purchased one book, *Ritual and Rhythm in Electoral Cycles* by Graham Orr (\$88). The department also subscribes to a small range of academic and other Parliamentary publications.