

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

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

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** F164

**Type of question:** Written

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**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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

**Answer:**

For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014:

<b>Department/ Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
Finance	a) Refer to <u>Attachment A</u> .
Australian Electoral Commission	<p>1. TV subscription for House Monitoring System (Parliamentary TV).</p> <p>a) The House Monitoring System (Parliamentary TV) to observe the work of the Parliament.</p> <p>b) \$1,881.65.</p> <p>c) Nil.</p> <p>d) N/A.</p> <p>2. a)-d) The AEC's financial system does not provide reporting data on newspaper subscriptions. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</p> <p>3. a)-d) The AEC's financial system does not provide reporting data on magazine subscriptions. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</p> <p>4. a)-d) The AEC's financial system does not provide reporting data on publications purchased. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</p>
ComSuper	<p>1. Nil.</p> <p>a) - d) N/A.</p> <p>2. ComSuper's newspaper subscriptions are:</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Canberra Times</li><li>- The Financial Review</li><li>- The Australian.</li></ul> <p>The reason for each of ComSuper's newspaper subscriptions is to keep abreast of current events.</p> <p>b) The cost for ComSuper's newspaper subscription for the period 25 February to 31 May 2014 is \$1,263.33.</p> <p>c) - d) N/A.</p> <p>3. ComSuper's magazine subscriptions are:</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Govt news subscription</li><li>- InDesign emagazine</li><li>- Harvard Business Review</li><li>- Super Review magazine</li><li>- The Economist magazine.</li></ul> <p>The reason for each of ComSuper's magazine subscriptions is to keep abreast of current events.</p> <p>b) The cost for ComSuper's magazine subscription for the period 25 February to 31 May 2014 is \$305.07.</p> <p>c) - d) N/A.</p>

Department/ Agency	Response
	4. Nil. a) - d) N/A.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	1. Foxtel – Business Value Package. a) Bloomberg TV. Sky News. Fox News. Purpose is for media monitoring and staff education. b) For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014 - \$261.00. c) Nil. d) N/A. 2. a) The Australian. Canberra Times. Australian Financial Review. Sydney Morning Herald. Purpose of all subscriptions is for media monitoring and staff education. b) For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014 - \$868.22. c) Nil. d) N/A. 3. a) The Economist. Harvard Business Review. Pensions and Investments. Journal of Portfolio Management. Journal of Index Investing. The New Yorker. Institutional Investor Journal. Purpose of all subscriptions is for staff education. b) For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014 - \$564.00. c) Nil. d) N/A. 4. a) CCH – Weekly Federal Bill Tracker subscription. CCH – Superannuation Digest. CCH - Aus Corporations & Securities Legislation. CCH – Parliament Political Alert. CCH - Government News. CCH – Federal Legal Bill Tracker. Purpose of all subscriptions is for staff information. b) For the period 25 February to 31 May 2014 - Nil. c) Nil. d) N/A.
Future Fund Management Agency	1. 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) \$282 c) N/A d) N/A 2. a) The Age

Department/ Agency	Response
	<p>The Australian The Australian Financial Review Financial Times Crikey Daily Mail We subscribe to access business, economic and financial news and comment.</p> <p>b) \$3,017. c) N/A. d) N/A.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>a) Global Custodian Magazine Global Investor Responsible Investor Institutional Investor</p> <p>b) \$3,842. c) N/A. d) N/A.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a) None. b) N/A. c) N/A. d) N/A.</p>

## ATTACHMENT A – Department of Finance

1. As at 31 May 2014, Finance has pay TV subscriptions to Foxtel and Parliamentary TV.
  - a) Foxtel assists Finance officials to stay informed of news, current affairs and world events. Current channels provided under the Foxtel subscription are:
    - BBC World
    - Bloomberg Television
    - CNBC
    - CNN
    - Fox News Channel
    - Sky News ChannelParliamentary TV enables Finance staff to observe the work of Parliament.
  - b) The costs of these subscriptions for the period from 25 February to 31 May 2014 were:
    - Foxtel – \$7,952.11 (Inc GST)
    - Parliamentary TV – \$1,772.10 (Inc GST) (Pro-rated proportion of annual cost)
  - c) Nil.
  - d) N/A.

2.

- a)
  - The Australian
  - The Canberra Times
  - Australian Financial Review
  - Melbourne Sun Herald
  - Daily Telegraph
  - Sydney Morning Herald
  - The Australian (Digital Pass)
  - The Age
  - Herald Sun
  - Melbourne Sun Herald
  - Online – News Digital
  - Online – the Financial Times

All newspaper subscriptions are for staff to keep abreast of current issues reported by the media to assist with the provision of advice to Government; policy development; and the monitoring of daily financial statistics. These publications also enable Senior Executives to maintain a close watch on current affairs for issues relating to business operations of the Branches, the Department and the Government.

b) \$22,303.83.

c) Minister for Finance and Office:

- The Australian
- Financial Review
- Canberra Times
- The Economist
- The Melbourne Herald Sun
- The West Australian
- Online Financial Review
- Online The Australian
- Online The Melbourne Age

- Online The Sydney Morning Herald

Special Minister of State and Office:

- Nil.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Office:

- The Australian
- Financial Review

Newspaper subscriptions provide information that may be used to inform policy development, provide advice to government and monitor news, current affairs and trends.

d) Costs from 1 February to 31 May 2014:

- Minister for Finance and Office – \$2133.14
- Special Minister of State and Office – Nil.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Office – \$464.37

3.

a) As at 31 May 2014, Finance has the following magazine subscriptions:

- Desktop
- Communication Arts
- Australian Economic Review
- Comlaw
- Australian Journal of Public Administration
- Economist
- Ad News, Media Week
- B&T
- Campaign Brief
- The Source [web]
- The Spectator
- Harvard Business Review
- Property Australia Magazine
- Australian and New Zealand Property Journal
- Business Outlook
- Deloitte: Budget Monitor Standard [electronic]
- Communications Day (online)
- Australian Defence Business Review

These magazines provide information that may be used to inform policy development; provide advice to government; monitor news, current affairs, Defence, property, financial statistics and trends; and assist with the communications and graphic design needs of the department.

b) From 25 February to 31 May 2014 the cost was \$7,870.06.

c) Nil.

d) N/A.

4.

a) During the period from 25 February to 31 May 2014, Finance purchased the following publications:

- Thinking, Fast And Slow
- The tipping point
- The Turning Point
- To Sell Is Human
- Hidden Innovation
- Surviving Survival
- Inclusive Growth in Australia

- The New Digital Age
- Teach Yourself Improve Your Emotional Intelligence - Communicate Better, Achieve More, be Happier
- The Affluent Society Revisited
- Wrong
- Does Capitalism Have a Future?
- When Government Helped
- The Agile Mind
- Cybersecurity and Cyberwar
- Smart change
- change for the better
- What works for women at work
- Small move, big change
- Leaders eat last
- Inclusive Growth in Australia
- Hidden Innovation
- Teach Yourself Improve Your Emotional Intelligence
- Cybersecurity and Cyberwar
- Digital government at work
- The Art of Public Strategy
- Implementing ITIL Configuration Management
- SaiGlobal: ISO 55001:2014
- SaiGlobal: ISO 55000:2014
- SaiGlobal: ISO 55002:2014
- SaiGlobal :AS 4590-2006
- SaiGlobal: AS/NZS 8016:2013
- SaiGlobal: BS ISO 22301:2012, 22303:2012
- SaiGlobal: AS 3780-2008
- Grammar for grown-ups
- Clear leadership
- OECD Journal
- Learned optimism
- Mindset
- Web Form Design
- Prototyping
- Search Analytics for Your Site
- The Mobile Frontier
- Content Everywhere
- Service Design
- The User Experience Team of One
- Card Sorting
- First 90 days
- Travel Daily (online subscription) - for the management of coordinated travel arrangements
- Property Daily for industry specific information
- Macroeconomics  
Consensus Forecasts – Energy and Metals
- Consensus Economics – Asia-Pacific consensus forecasts

These publications provide information that may be used to inform policy development, analyse and provide advice to government.

- b) From 25 February to 31 May 2014 the cost was \$7,129.
- c) Nil.
- d) N/A.