

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Ludwig

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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:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) subscribes to pay TV to facilitate access to parliamentary and news channels.
 - a) The APSC's pay TV provider, Foxtel, provides the following channels: BBC World, CNN, Sky News, OHPAC, the Weather Channel, Fox News and Bloomberg Television. In addition to accessing parliamentary channels, Foxtel provides a facility for access to breaking news and current affairs that may have relevance to the APSC's business activities.
 - b) The APSC's cost for pay TV from 24 February to 31 May 2014 is estimated to be \$1,007 exclusive of GST.

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- c) The APSC does not provide pay TV services to the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable.

2. & 3.

- a) The APSC's subscriptions to newspapers are The Canberra Times, Financial Review, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian. Subscriptions to magazines and journals are detailed below:
 - About the House (AUS PARLT)
 - American Review of Public Administration
 - Australian Journal of Public Administration
 - Ethos (SING)
 - Evaluation Journal Australasia
 - Harvard Business Review
 - HC (Human Capital) (AUS)
 - HR Monthly (AUS)
 - International Public Management Journal
 - International Review of Administrative Sciences
 - Living Ethics (AUS)
 - Management Today (AUS)
 - McKinsey Quarterly (US)
 - PAR : Public Administration Review (US)
 - PA Times (US)
 - Public Administration Quarterly (US)
 - Public Administration Today (ACT)
 - Public Integrity (US)
 - Public Performance & Management Review (US)
 - Review of Public Personnel Administration (US)
 - T+D Training & Development (US)
 - Training and Development in Australia

Access to national daily newspapers and magazines is a means by which the APSC stays informed of activities and trends both internationally and nationally in its areas of responsibility and interest.

- b) The APSC's cost for newspapers and magazines from 24 February to 31 May 2014 is estimated to be \$1,521 exclusive of GST.
- c) The APSC does not provide newspapers and magazines to the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable.

4. The APSC did not purchase publications. No purchases have been made from February 2014 to date.

- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.