

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of National Assessments

**Outcome/Program:** 1

**Topic:** Media subscriptions

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 316

**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?

**ONA Response:**

- a. ONA maintains subscriptions to a number of TV services in order to provide analysts with localised news reports from a wide range of sources:
  - Al Jazeera Arabic and BBC Arabic (Arab-language news and current affairs services, focussing on topics of interest to Middle Eastern audiences)
  - Foxtel news package – A-PAC, Sky News, Sky News Business and the Weather Channel (News and current affairs)
  - CNN International (News and current affairs)
  - NHK Premium (Japanese news and current affairs)
  - ANC (Filipino news services)
- b. From 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014, ONA has spent \$17,816.20. To attempt to provide costs for the specified dates requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- c. Nil
- d. N/A

**Question:**

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?

**ONA Response:**

- a. ONA maintains the following subscriptions to provide analysts with a wide range of research material:

Hardcopy newspapers;

  - Australian Financial Review
  - Sydney Morning Herald
  - The Australian

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- Canberra Times
  - The Age
- Online newspapers;
- Australian Financial Review
  - Financial Times
  - European Voice
  - Haaretz
  - Pacnews
  - Timor-Leste News
  - Kaselehlie Press
  - Kyiv Post
  - Washington Trade Daily
- b. From 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014, ONA has spent \$14,029.41. To attempt to provide costs for the specified dates requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- c. Nil
- d. N/A

**Question:**

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?

**ONA Response:**

- a. ONA purchases magazines to provide analysts with research material from a wide range of sources to support ONA awareness of, and analysis on regional and international affairs and foreign policy. ONA subscribes to the following magazines;
- American Interest
  - Economist
  - Foreign Affairs
  - Petroleum Intelligence Weekly
  - Tempo
- b. ONA does not record data in a way that would readily allow a detailed answer to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide a cost for magazines would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- c. Nil
- d. N/A

**Question:**

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?

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- a. ONA purchases publications to provide analysts with research material from a wide range of sources to support ONA awareness of, and analysis on regional and international affairs and foreign policy. ONA subscribes to the following publications;
  - Adelphi Papers
  - China Quarterly
  - Cook Political Report
  - EIU Country Reports
  - Fishing News International
  - Indonesia
  - Inside US Trade
  - Journal of Asian Studies
  - Journal of Pacific History
  - Journal of South East Asian Studies
  - Kompas
  - Marshall Islands Journal
  - Nature Climate Change
  - Non-Proliferation Review
  - Oriental Economist
  - PNG Industry News
- b. ONA does not record data in a way that would readily allow a detailed answer to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide a cost for publications would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- c. Nil
- b. N/A