

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Budget Estimates – May 2014**

**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Media subscriptions

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 316

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 11 July 2014

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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. Pay TV subscriptions

- a) TransTV Biz channels. Pay TV is provided as part of a package to meet operational requirements in relation to news and current affairs.
- b) The cost of TV subscriptions (from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014) was \$599.40.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.

2. Newspaper subscriptions

- a) please see table below

Paper	Reason
Canberra Times	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
The Australian	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Sydney Morning Herald	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Telegraph	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Financial Review	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Melbourne Age	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Quadrant	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Sunday Times	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Times of London	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Herald Tribune	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs

- b) The cost of newspaper subscriptions (from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014) was \$2,161.81.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.

### 3. Magazine subscriptions

a) please see table below

Magazine/Journal	Reason
Margaret Gee's Media Guide	Updated Guide and contact details of all media in Australia
The Economist	Keep abreast of current international affairs
Choice Magazine	Keep abreast of purchasing and product issues as they affect the Office
The New Yorker	Keep abreast of current social affairs and contemporary culture
The Australian Book Review	Keep abreast of new Australian literature
History Today	Keep abreast of new writing on history and historical affairs
The Guardian Weekly	Keep abreast of current international affairs
Limelight	Keep abreast of Australian arts and cultural events
New Scientist	Keep abreast of science news
The Monthly	Keep abreast of Australian current events and commentary
APC Magazine	Keep abreast of IT industry developments
delicious	Keep abreast of food products, ideas and recipes
CPA	Keep abreast of developments relating to the current accounting environment

b) The cost of magazine subscriptions (from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014) was nil.

c) N/A.

d) N/A.

### 4. Publications

a) please see table below

Publication	Reason
Who's Who in Australia	Used by Honours case officers and by invitations officers for research purposes.
Who's Who in Business in Australia	Used by Honours case officers for research purposes.
Who's Who in Australian Women	Used by Honours case officers for research purposes.
The Australian Local Government Guide	Used by Honours case officers for research purposes.

The National Guide to Government	Used by Honours case officers for research purposes
Directory of Australian Associations	Used by Honours case officers for research purposes
Australian Celebrity Contact Book	Used by invitation officers for research purposes

- b) The cost of publications (from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014) was nil.
- c) N/A.
- d) N/A.