

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26-27 May 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1

**Topic:** Subscription TV

**Senator:** Senator Wong

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**Question:**

Please provide details of all current departmental/agency subscription TV services including (a) provider (b) channels and (c) cost since 18 November 2013.

**ONA Response:**

- (a/b) 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)
- a. (c) 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.