

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

Please provide details of current departmental/agency newspaper and magazine subscription services including (a) title of newspaper/magazine (b) whether the subscription is hardcopy/online/both and (c) cost since 11 February 2014

Answer:

Newspaper and magazine costs are reported against the same general ledger item; therefore, costs are combined in the response to part (c).

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) subscribes to a range of newspapers. Records held centrally in the Department relate to the following newspaper subscriptions:

- The Age
- The Australian
- The Australian Financial Review
- The Canberra Times
- The Courier Mail
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Financial Times
- The Financial Review
- The Financial Times Saturday
- The Melbourne Herald Sun
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The National Indigenous Times
- The Koori Mail

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PM&C subscribes to a variety of local and international magazines. Records held centrally in the Department relate to the following magazine subscriptions:

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- Business Review Weekly: BRW
- The Economist
- Foreign Affairs
- The Monthly: Australian Politics, Society & Culture
- New Scientist
- Quadrant
- Time Australia.

It is possible other newspaper and magazine subscriptions may be held by the Department that are not reported centrally.

- (b) PM&C obtains newspapers in both hardcopy and online. The department obtains magazine subscriptions primarily in hardcopy; however The Economist is subscribed to in both digital and physical formats.
- (c) The total PM&C cost from 1 February through to 31 May 2014 is \$64,459.30 (GST exclusive).