

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Media Subscriptions**

Question No: **135**

Written: Senator Ludwig

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 17 January 2014**

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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer**

1.
  - a. The following pay TV channels are provided free of charge to DPS for distribution throughout Parliament House:
    - SKY Business Channel
    - SKY News
    - CNN International
    - BBC World
    - CNBC Australia
    - Al Jazeera
    - A-PAC
    - Bloomberg
    - Fox Sports 1, 2 and 3
    - Fox News
    - Sky News Weather
    - Australia Network

The programs provide Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, their staff and staff of parliamentary departments with access to the content of publicly broadcast TV, current affairs programs, documentaries and other programs of interest that relate to their parliamentary and representational duties.

- b. Not applicable
- c. Not applicable
- d. Not applicable

2.

- a. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to hardcopy regional, national and overseas newspapers for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.

#### **Regional newspapers**

Norfolk Islander	Sunshine Coast Daily
Geelong Advertiser	Townsville Bulletin
Barrier Daily Truth	Yorke Peninsula Country Times
Border Mail	Advocate - Burnie
Goulburn Post	Examiner - Launceston
Herald - Newcastle	Bendigo Advertiser
Maitland Mercury	Northern Times
Northern Star	Spectator - Hamilton
Cairns Post	Sunraysia daily
Chronicle Toowoomba	Wimmera Mail Times
Gold Coast Bulletin	The Kalgoorlie Miner
Tasmanian Country	Queensland Country Life

#### **Overseas newspapers**

Papua New Guinea Post Courier  
Jakarta Post  
Guardian weekly

#### **National newspapers**

Canberra Times (including Saturday & Sunday editions)  
Sydney Morning Herald (including weekend edition)  
The Age (including Saturday and Sunday editions)  
The Australian (including weekend edition)  
Australian Financial Review (including weekend edition)

Online newspapers are also available through NewsBank, Library Press Display and ANZ Newsstand.

- b. Between 7 September and 6 December, the Library spent \$6,227.19 on newspaper subscriptions (International \$284.36 and Australian \$5,942.83).
- c. Not applicable
- d. Not applicable

3.

- a. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to 2949 print and 23,099 electronic magazines/journals (serials) for use by Senators and Members and their staff, and to support the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff. These titles are listed in the Library's catalogue; it is not practicable to include a full list of these titles here.

Additionally, DPS work areas sometime require magazine subscriptions to assist with their operational activities (e.g. technical manuals). These resources are classified as working tools and, although managed by the Parliamentary Library, are paid by the user areas.

- b. Magazines/journals for the Parliamentary Library collections are purchased by annual subscription. Between 7 September and 6 December 2013, the Library spent \$294,095.20 on such subscriptions and DPS expended a further \$5,091.43 on them.
- c. Not applicable
- d. Not applicable

4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?

- a) The Parliamentary Library purchases hardcopy publications for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.
- b) Between 7 September and 6 December 2013, the Library spent \$19,923.00 on publications.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable