

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/114

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 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 for this 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 for this 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 for this 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 for this from 7 September 2013 to date?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1a)-b) To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

1c)-d) The department has not provided TV subscriptions to the ministers' offices.

2a)-b) To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2c) The department provides the following newspaper subscriptions to the ministers' offices each week:

- Australian Financial Review
- Courier Mail
- Herald Sun
- The Age
- The Australian

- The Canberra Times
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Western Australian
- The Sunday Telegraph

2d) The cost of newspapers provided to ministers or their offices during the period 7 September 2013 to 29 May 2014 was approximately \$7,083.

3a)-b) To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3c) The department has provided ministers' offices with the following on-line magazine subscription:

- Crikey

3d) The cost of magazine subscriptions provided to ministers or their offices during the period 7 September 2013 to 29 May 2014 was approximately \$180.

4a)-b) To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

4c) The department provided ministers' offices with the following publication:

- Australian Constitutional Law and Theory: Commentary and Materials

4d) The cost of publications provided to ministers or their offices during the period 7 September 2013 to 29 May 2014 was approximately \$146.