

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

Group: 1

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question No. SBE4/077

Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
 - b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
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 has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?

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 31 May 2014 to 11 December 2014 was approximately \$15,075 (GST exclusive).

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 31 May 2014 to 11 December 2014 was approximately \$164 (GST exclusive).

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

4c) The department has not provided ministers' offices with any publications.