

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/283) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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?

Answer:

- a. The information is not readily available from the department's financial information system and providing it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources. The department subscribes to a range of newspapers to support quality decision making.
- b. From Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the department spent \$26 605 which included \$11 603 for library on-line subscriptions.
- c. The department provides the following newspaper to the Minister and the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection:
 - The Australian
 - Daily Telegraph
 - Sydney Morning Herald
 - Australian Financial Review
 - The Age
 - The Canberra Times
 - The West Australian
 - Herald Sun
- d. From Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the cost was \$2 729.