

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/286) PROGRAMME –

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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?

Answer:

a. The department subscribes to Foxtel/Austar's News channels, including:

- A-PAC
- AlJazeera
- BBC World
- CNN
- Crime and Investigation Network
- Discovery Channel
- ESPN
- FOX News Channel
- Metro (NDS)
- National Geographic Channel
- Sky News Australia

The department provides pay TV to people held in detention facilities and to its staff to support quality decision making.

b. From Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the department spent \$27 974 which included \$18 865 for detention facilities.

c. The office of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection has a Foxtel subscription.

d. From Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the cost for the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection was \$564.