

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011
Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 42

Senator Trood asked in writing

- a) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes; please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
- b) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers
- c) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes please provide the reason, cost and what magazines.

Answer:

- a) AusAID has a current subscription to the News Channel package with Foxtel. The package, which is standard for all subscribers, includes the following channels:

- APAC
- BBC
- Bloomberg
- CNBC
- CNN
- Sky News

The News channel package is required by AusAID for access to current affairs, media monitoring and information on international issues relevant to AusAID's operations.

The total cost in 2010-11 was \$29,231.76

- b) AusAID subscribes to newspapers for the purpose of providing senior managers in Australia and overseas up to date information and advice on current affairs and international issues relevant to AusAID's operations.

The newspapers provided are;

- Australian Financial Review
- Canberra Times
- Daily Telegraph
- Sydney Morning Herald
- The Age
- The Australian

The total cost in 2010-11 was \$ 41,491.12

- c) AusAID subscribes to magazines for the purpose of providing senior managers in Australia and overseas up to date information and advice on current affairs and international issues relevant to AusAID's operations.

The magazines provided are;

- Business Review Weekly
- Guardian Weekly
- New Scientist
- The Economist
- Time Magazine

The total cost in 2010-11 was \$ 20,200.20