

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2012**  
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Media subscriptions

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** PM101

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 30 March 2012

**Number of Pages:** 2

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.
- What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
- What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?

- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
- What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

Yes. TransACT. To keep abreast of local and international news and current affairs. Channels are BBC World, Bloomberg, CCTV9, Channel News Asia, CNN, SBS World News, Parliamentary Committees, Senate, and House of Representatives, Euronews, and

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander News. The estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$3,596.40\*. The cost for this financial year to date is \$2,397.60.

\*Note that subscription changes since February 2012 have resulted in a lower estimated cost for the year since that provided in Question on Notice PM145 (\$6,007).

Yes. To monitor news and current affairs and for honours and awards research purposes. The estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$9,567. The cost for this financial year to date is \$5,376.11.

Paper	Subscription
Canberra Times	Weekly
The Australian	Weekly
Sydney Morning Herald	Weekly
Telegraph	Weekly
Financial Review	Weekly
Melbourne Age	Weekly
Melbourne Herald Sun	Weekly*
Brisbane Courier Mail	Weekly*
Adelaide Advertiser	Weekly*
West Australian	Weekly*
Hobart Mercury	Weekly*
NT News	Weekly*

\*Subscription ceased in September 2011

Yes. To monitor local and international news and current affairs, for guest list research, for honours and awards research purposes and for background in speech writing. The estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$ 8,475. The cost for this financial year to date is \$ 3,734.84.

Magazine/Journal	Subscription
Margaret Gee's Media Guide	Annual
The Economist England	Annual
Choice Magazine	Annual
The New Yorker	Annual
The Australian Book Review	Annual
The Quarterly Essay	Annual
History Today	Annual
The Guardian Weekly	Annual
Limelight	Annual
New Scientist	Annual
Other Misc magazines/periodicals	Annual
CPA	Annual