

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Question reference number:** F89

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Topic:** Media subscriptions

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
  - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
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 is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer:**

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	1. Foxtel and Parliamentary TV. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Foxtel assists Finance officials to stay informed of news, current affairs and world events. Parliamentary TV to observe the work of Parliament. Current channels provided under the Foxtel subscription are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBC World</li> <li>• Bloomberg Television</li> <li>• CNBC</li> <li>• CNN</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fox News Channel</li> <li>• Sky News Channel</li> </ul> <p>b) Costs from 7 September to 31 January 2014, inclusive of GST were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• - Foxtel – \$14,733.60 (Inc GST)</li> <li>• - Parliamentary TV – \$2,837.77 (Pro-rated proportion of annual cost)</li> </ul> <p>c) Nil.</p> <p>d) N/A.</p> <p>2. a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Age</i></li> <li>• <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i></li> <li>• <i>The Canberra Times</i></li> <li>• <i>The Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Melbourne Herald Sun</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial Review</i></li> <li>• <i>The Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Online The Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Melbourne Herald Sun</i></li> <li>• <i>The Daily Telegraph</i></li> </ul> <p>b) \$25,001.12</p> <p>c) <u>Minister for Finance and Office:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial Review</i></li> <li>• <i>Canberra Times</i></li> <li>• <i>The Economist</i></li> <li>• <i>The Melbourne Herald Sun</i></li> <li>• <i>The West Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Online Financial Review</i></li> <li>• <i>Online The Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Online The Melbourne Age</i></li> <li>• <i>Online The Sydney Morning Herald</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Special Minister of State and Office:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil.</li> </ul> <p><u>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Australian</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial Review</i></li> </ul> <p>Newspaper subscriptions provide information that may be used for inform policy development, provide advice to government and monitor news, current affairs and trends</p> <p>d) Costs from 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for Finance and Office – \$1,927.51</li> <li>• Special Minister of State and Office – Nil</li> <li>• Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Office – \$161.95</li> </ul> <p>3. a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Desktop</i></li> <li>• <i>Communication Arts</i></li> <li>• <i>Australian Economic Review</i></li> <li>• <i>Australian Journal of Public Administration</i></li> <li>• <i>Economist</i></li> <li>• <i>Ad News, Media Week</i></li> <li>• <i>B&amp;T</i></li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Campaign Brief</i></li> <li>• <i>The Source (web)</i></li> <li>• <i>The Spectator</i></li> <li>• <i>Harvard Business Review</i></li> <li>• <i>Property Australia Magazine</i></li> <li>• <i>Australian and New Zealand Property Journal</i></li> </ul> <p>These magazines provide information that may be used to inform policy development; provide advice to government; monitor news, current affairs and trends and assist with the communication and graphic design needs of the department.</p> <p>b) \$3,706.43 c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a) List of Publications <i>Australian Policy Handbook; Uncommon Sense Common Nonsense; Australia's Competitiveness; From Lucky Country to Competitive Country; Hello World; iPad for Dummies; Pidgin Phrasebook; Pidgin Dictionary; Interactive Learn Pidgin CD; AS8016:2013; IT Governance; Misogyny Factor; Rethinking Public Service Delivery; Web Design for everyone: Designing accessible User experiences; Thinking, Fast and Slow; The Tipping point; The Turning Point; To Sell is Human; Hidden Innovation; Surviving Survival; Inclusive Growth in Australia; The New Digital Age; Teach Yourself, Improve Your Emotional Intelligence – Communicate Better, Achieve More, be Happier; The Affluent Society Revisited; Change for the Better; Smart Change; Cyber security and Cyber war; The Agile Mind; When Government Helped; Wrong; The New Digital Age, Inclusive Growth in Australia; Does Capitalism Have a Future?; Small Move, Big Change; Leaders Eat Last; Hidden Innovation Teach Yourself Improve Your Emotional Intelligence; What works for women at work; Property Daily; Australian Bureau of Statistics, Deloitte Access Economics; Rawlinsons Australian Construction Handbook 2014.</i></p> <p>These publications provide information that may be used to inform policy development; provide advice to government.</p> <p>b) Costs from 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014 were \$3,269.01. c) Nil. d) N/A.</p>
AEC	<p>1. a) House Monitoring System (Parliamentary TV) to observe the work of the Parliament. b) \$2,628 c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>2. a) to d) The AEC's financial system does not provide reporting data on newspaper subscriptions. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</p> <p>3. a) to d) The AEC's financial system does not provide reporting data on magazine subscriptions. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</p> <p>4. a) to d) The AEC's financial system does not provide reporting data on publications purchased. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.</p>
ComSuper	<p>1. Nil. a)- d) N/A.</p>

	<p>2. a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Canberra Times</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial Review</i></li> <li>• <i>The Australian.</i></li> </ul> <p>The reason for each of ComSuper's newspaper subscriptions is to keep abreast of current events.</p> <p>a) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014: \$2,474 c)- d) N/A.</p> <p>3. a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Govt news subscription</li> <li>• <i>InDesign</i></li> <li>• <i>Harvard Business Review</i></li> <li>• <i>Super Review</i></li> <li>• <i>The Economist</i></li> </ul> <p>The reason for each of ComSuper's magazine subscriptions is to keep abreast of current events.</p> <p>a) For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014: \$165 c) - d) N/A.</p> <p>4. Nil. a) - d) N/A.</p>
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<p>1. Foxtel – Business Value Package</p> <p>a) Bloomberg TV Sky News Fox News Purpose is for media monitoring and staff education b) Cost from 7 September 2013 – 31 January 2014 - \$403.30 c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>a) The Australian Canberra Times Australian Financial Review Sydney Morning Herald Purpose of all subscriptions is for media monitoring and staff education b) Cost from 7 September – 31 January 2014 - \$1,898.52 c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>a)The Economist Harvard Business Review Pensions and Investments Journal of Portfolio Management Journal of Index Investing The New Yorker Institutional Investor Journal Purpose of all subscriptions is for staff education b) Cost from 7 September – 31 January 2014 - \$2,887.32 c) Nil. d) N/A.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a) CCH – Weekly Federal Bill Tracker subscription CCH – Superannuation Digest CCH - Aus Corporations &amp; Securities Legislation</p>

	<p>CCH – Parliament Political Alert  CCH - Government News  CCH – Federal Legal Bill Tracker  Purpose of all subscriptions is for staff information  b) Cost from 7 September – 31 January 2014 - \$6,770.00.  c) Nil.  d) N/A.</p>
<p>Future Fund  Management  Agency</p>	<p>For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Foxtel. The Future Fund operates in financial markets and we subscribe to Foxtel Business Premium Package to gain access to the business and news channels.</li> <li>b) \$681.80</li> <li>c) N/A.</li> <li>d) N/A.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <p><i>The Age</i>  <i>The Australian</i>  <i>Financial Review</i>  <i>Financial Times</i></p> <p>We subscribe to access business, economic and financial news and comment.</p> </li> <li>b) \$514.67</li> <li>c) N/A.</li> <li>d) N/A.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nil.</li> <li>b) - d) N/A.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nil.</li> <li>b) - d) N/A.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>