

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Media subscriptions

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**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:**

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) subscribes to pay TV to facilitate access to parliamentary and news channels.
  - a) The APSC's pay TV provider, Foxtel, provides the following channels: BBC World, CNN, Sky News, OHPAC, the Weather Channel, Fox News and Bloomberg Television. In addition to accessing parliamentary channels, Foxtel provides a facility for access to

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breaking news and current affairs that may have relevance to the APSC's business activities.

- b) The APSC's cost for pay TV from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is estimated to be \$1,511 exclusive of GST.
- c) The APSC does not provide pay TV services to the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable.

2. & 3.

- a) The APSC's subscriptions to newspapers are The Canberra Times, Financial Review, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian. Subscriptions to magazines and journals are detailed below:

- About the House (AUS PARLT)
- American Review of Public Administration
- Australian Journal of Public Administration
- Ethos (SING)
- Evaluation Journal Australasia
- Harvard Business Review
- HC (Human Capital) (AUS)
- HR Monthly (AUS)
- International Public Management Journal
- International Review of Administrative Sciences
- Living Ethics (AUS)
- Management Today (AUS)
- McKinsey Quarterly (US)
- PAR : Public Administration Review (US)
- PA Times (US)
- Public Administration Quarterly (US)
- Public Administration Today (ACT)
- Public Integrity (US)
- Public Performance & Management Review (US)
- Review of Public Personnel Administration (US)
- T+D Training & Development (US)
- Training and Development in Australia

Access to national daily newspapers and magazines is a means by which the APSC stays informed of activities and trends both internationally and nationally in its areas of responsibility and interest.

- b) The APSC's cost for newspapers and magazines from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is estimated to be \$2,771 exclusive of GST.
- c) The APSC does not provide newspapers and magazines to the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable.

4. The APSC does not purchase publications. No purchases have been made from 7 September 2013 to date.

- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.