

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media Subscriptions**

Question: **7**

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 8 July 2011

- (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 why, the cost and what magazines.

Answer

- (a) The following pay TV channels are provided free of charge to DPS for distribution throughout Parliament House:
 - (i) Foxtel
 - (ii) Sky News
 - (iii) CNN international
 - (iv) BBC World
 - (v) CNBC
 - (vi) Bloomberg
 - (vii) Al Jazeera
 - (viii) NITV
- (b) The Parliamentary Library subscribes to newspapers for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff. The purchase cost of newspapers by the Library in 2010–11 is approximately \$128,000.
- (c) The Parliamentary Library subscribes to print and electronic magazines (serials) for use by Senators and Members and their staff, and to support the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff. The purchase cost of magazines (serials) by the Library in 2010–11 is approximately \$1,000,000.