

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**  
**Outcome/Program: 1.1 – Prime Minister and Cabinet**  
**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Senator: Mitch Fifield**

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**Question:**

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.**
- 3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.**

**Answer:**

The response only refers to information relating to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and covers the period 01 July 2010 to 16 June 2011. All cost information is from the department's financial management system. Newspapers and magazine costs are reported against the same general ledger item therefore year to date costs are combined in the response to part 2). To separate these figures would place an unreasonable burden on the department.

1. PM&C has a pay TV subscription with Foxtel. Through the subscription, the department provides staff with access to news channels to support departmental officers in the execution of their advisory role. The cost is \$1005 per month. The channels provided are:
  - Sky news
  - BBC World news
  - CNN

2. PM&C subscribes to a range of newspapers. The department provides the newspapers to support departmental officers in the execution of their advisory role. The year to date costs for subscriptions for newspapers and magazines is \$101,226. The newspapers subscribed to are:
  - The Age
  - The Art Newspaper
  - The Australian
  - The Australian Financial Review
  - The Canberra Times
  - The Daily Telegraph
  - The Financial Times
  - The Financial Times Saturday
  - Koori Mail
  - The Land
  - The Melbourne Herald Sun
  - The Sydney Morning Herald
  - The Weekend Australian
  
3. PM&C subscribes to a variety of local and international magazines. The subscriptions provide access to topical articles relevant to the execution of departmental officers' advisory roles. The year to date cost is included in the response to part 2). The magazines subscribed to are:
  - Art and Australian Magazine
  - Art Monthly Australia Magazine
  - Artichoke
  - Bookseller and Publisher Online Magazine
  - Business Review Weekly : BRW
  - Dance Australia
  - The Economist
  - Encore
  - Foreign Affairs
  - Fundraising and Philanthropy Magazine
  - Inside Film
  - Limelight
  - The Monthly : Australian Politics, Society & Culture
  - The Music Network
  - New Scientist
  - Old Machinery Magazine
  - Quadrant
  - Screen International
  - Screenhub Online Magazine
  - Time Australia