

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Question: 110

Topic: Media Subscription

Asked By: Senator FIFIELD

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- 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 Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government subscribes to Foxtel to access parliamentary, news and business channels. The cost is \$171 per month.

The Department subscribes to the following newspapers:

- The Australian Financial Review
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Australian
- The Canberra Times
- The Age
- The Herald Sun
- The Norfolk Islander.

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- b) Access to these papers enable staff to keep abreast of current and emerging domestic and international issues. The cost of these subscriptions is approximately \$1,296 per month.
- c) The Department subscribes to the following magazines to enable staff to keep up to date with issues impacting on both the work and management of the Department:
- Image & Data Manager
 - Workplace Express – for IR/HR Practitioners
 - Local Government Guide
 - The Economist

The cost is approximately \$196 per month.