

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Additional Estimates - May 2013**

**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** QoN 95

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 July 2013

**Number of Pages:** 2

What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?

- Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?

- Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?

- Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
- What is the cost for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

***Pay TV subscriptions (please see below table)***

TransTV Biz. Pay TV is provided as part of a package to meet operational requirements in relation to news and current affairs.

The cost of TV subscriptions this FYTD (as at 31 May 2013) is \$3,296.70.

*Newspaper subscriptions (please see below table)*

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Canberra Times	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
The Australian	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Sydney Morning Herald	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Telegraph	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Financial Review	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs
Melbourne Age	To keep abreast of news, opinions and editorials and current affairs

FYTD (as at 31 May 2013) is \$6,244.48

*Magazine subscriptions (please see below table)*

<b>Magazine/Journal</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Margaret Gee's Media Guide	Updated Guide and contact details of all media in Australia
The Economist	Keep abreast of current international affairs
Choice Magazine	Keep abreast of purchasing and product issues as they affect the Office
The New Yorker	Keep abreast of current social affairs and contemporary culture
The Australian Book Review	Keep abreast of new Australian literature
History Today	Keep abreast of new writing on history and historical affairs
The Guardian Weekly	Keep abreast of current international affairs
Limelight	Keep abreast of Australian arts and cultural events
New Scientist	Keep abreast of science news
The Monthly	Keep abreast of Australian current events and commentary
APC Magazine	Keep abreast of IT Industry developments
Delicious	Keep abreast of food products, ideas and recipes for kitchen staff
CPA	Keep updated with the current accounting environment

FYTD (as at 31 May 2013) is \$673.27.