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

Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator: Senator Ryan
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Question:

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?
   a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
   b) What was the cost for 2010-11?
   c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
   d) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
   e) What was the cost for 2010-11?
   f) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
   g) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
   h) What was the cost for 2010-11?
   i) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Answer:

   a) The OAIC subscribes to the Foxtel Business Value Package. The OAIC took out this
       subscription so that it could watch parliamentary proceedings, Sky News and the Australian
       Public Affairs Channel. The cost of the subscription is set out in parts b) and c) of the
       response to this question.

   b) Nil

   c) $1188.00

   d) The OAIC subscribes to Canberra-based and national newspapers to keep abreast of key
   privacy, freedom of information and information policy issues with national implications, or

with implications for Australian Government agencies. The cost of the subscriptions is set out in parts e) and f) of the response to this question.

e) $1451.00

f) $744.00

g) The OAIC subscribes to Harvard Business Review (HBR). The OAIC took out this subscription because the HBR is a key source for information about leadership and management issues. The cost of the subscription is set out in parts h) and i) of the response to this question.

h) $161.84

i) $167.52