

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Ryan

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

Answer:

1. No.
2. Yes.
 - For staff reference in relation to local and national issues and activities pertinent to their areas of responsibility. The newspapers subscribed to are: Adelaide Advertiser, Canberra Times, Courier Mail, Financial Review, Herald Sun, Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Australian.
 - The cost of the newspapers for 2010-11 was \$5,252.
 - The estimate cost for 2011-12 is \$5,300.
3. No.