

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Additional Estimates (May 2012)?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Additional Estimates (May 2012)?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Additional Estimates (May 2012)?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazine.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
4. What was the 2011-12 cost for:
 - a. TV subscriptions
 - b. Newspaper subscriptions
 - c. Magazine subscriptions
5. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.

Answer:

1. There has been no change to the TV subscription since the 2012-13 May Additional Estimates. The cost for TV subscription for this financial year to date is \$1,439 including GST.
2. There has been no change to the newspaper subscription since the 2012-13 May Additional Estimates.
3. There has been no change to the magazine subscription since the 2012-13 May Additional Estimates.
4. The subscription costs for newspapers and magazines are not separately recorded by the Australian Public Service Commission. The total cost of subscription for this financial year to date is \$1,042 including GST.
5. The APSC does not provide any media subscriptions to the Minister.