

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Subscriptions

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Question:

- a) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Department? Please provide a complete list of each service to which the Department subscribed.
- b) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for Ministers in the portfolio? Please provide a complete list of each service to which ministerial offices subscribed.

Answer:

- a) The Department spent \$280,679 on all subscriptions and publications which include purchase of books (technical and non-technical), videos, periodicals, journals and newspapers. There is no central register of service details. For the Department to provide the cost of print and online news services only and a specific breakdown of subscriptions would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- b) The Department spent \$11,237. The following newspaper and digital media subscriptions were provided to the Minister's office:
 - *Australian Financial Review*;
 - *Daily Telegraph*;
 - *Herald Sun*;
 - *Melbourne Herald Sun*;
 - *Sydney Morning Herald*; and
 - *The Age*;
 - *The Australian*; and
 - *The Economist*.