

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Media subscriptions

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Senator Fifield asked:

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.

Answer:

Yes.

Subscription to pay TV enables the Department to monitor news as it happens, monitor press conferences where major Government announcements are made and is a source of information during major events such as a disaster which requires Federal Government involvement.

The cost and list of channels is not readily available for the Department and portfolio agencies without the use of significant resources.