

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 45

Topic: Media Subscriptions

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Senator McKenzie 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.
- What was the cost for 2010-11?
- What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Answer:

Yes. The Department subscribes to pay TV to monitor news and press conferences for issues relevant to the Department and its policies and programs. Additionally, pay TV is a source of information during major events which require 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.