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Question No: 187(c)

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Hansard Ref: Written, 19/2/2016

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - (a) Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
 - (b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - (d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - (a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - (b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - (d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - (a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - (b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - (d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
 - (a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - (b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 - (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - (d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

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Answer:

1.

- (a) As a news broadcaster, and as the owner of two subscription television channels broadcast on the Foxtel platform, SBS subscribes to Foxtel – all channels.
- (b) \$13,127
- (c) Nil
- (d) Not applicable.

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- (a) SBS purchases newspapers, magazines and publications in order to keep abreast of local and international industry developments and news and current affairs coverage. To provide further details would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (b) \$42,298
- (c) Nil
- (d) Not applicable.