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Question No: 187(f)

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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) nbn has subscriptions to Foxtel's Business Information package in order to stay informed of relevant public affairs and events.
- (b) During the period 14 September 2015 to 09 February 2016, expenditure was \$4,045.00 (GST inclusive).
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not Applicable.

2.

- (a) nbn has subscriptions for The Australian Financial Review, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Herald Sun, The Daily Telegraph, and The Australian. The subscriptions are to ensure the company can track relevant public developments, business news and industry commentary.
- (b) During the period 14 September 2015 to 09 February 2016 expenditure was \$7,523.00 (GST inclusive).
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.

3.

- (a) - (d) There is no central repository for magazine subscriptions alone. Individuals are able to order periodicals relevant to their work via their expenses.

4.

- (a) - (d) There is no central repository for publications alone. Individuals are able to order publications relevant to their work via their expenses.

NB: nbn does not provide any subscriptions to the Minister or the Minister's office.