

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?

- a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
- b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

Answer:

The Department and the Bureau of Meteorology have pay TV subscriptions to Foxtel and Austar as outlined in the table below.

a)

Locality	Channels included	Reason
Brisbane Bureau of Meteorology Regional Forecasting Centre	Foxtel – standard package including news and weather channels. No additional sports.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events.
Willis Island Meteorological Office	Austar – Entertainment + movies and more, free to air channels, Sci Fi, TV1, Discovery, History, Lifestyle Food and National Geographic channels.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events and entertainment for staff based at a very remote locality.
Giles Meteorological Office	Foxtel – standard package including news and weather channels, plus extra movie channels and free to air channels.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events and entertainment for staff based at a very remote locality.

National Meteorological and Oceanographic Centre	Foxtel – Business Package (includes news, weather and standard sport channels).	Situational awareness required for routine media broadcasts and in producing forecasts.
John Gorton Building Canberra	Foxtel – Business Package (includes news, weather and standard sport channels).	Used to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the portfolio.

- b) The cost for the services listed above for the Department and the Bureau for the period 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014 is \$4,056.87 (GST inclusive).
- c) No pay TV subscriptions were provided by the Department for the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable.