

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Question No: 440

Program No. ACMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Answer:

1. The ACMA subscribes to Foxtel.
 1. The channels included in this package are skyNEWS, World News, CNN, The Weather Channel, Bloomberg, Fox News, CNBC, a-pac, Aljazeera and CCTV News. A number of sports, documentaries and other miscellaneous channels are also included as part of the overall package. The ACMA subscribes to Foxtel to oversee and monitor various content and technical issues while also responding to complaints under the Broadcasting Services Act, for example, the anti-siphoning rules.
 2. \$5,886.35.
 3. Nil.
 4. Not applicable.
2. The ACMA subscribes to a number of newspapers.

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1. The newspaper subscriptions are The Australian, The Age, Financial Review, The Canberra Times and The Sydney Morning Herald. The ACMA, as a regulator, keeps abreast of and monitors media issues in the industry as they emerge.
 2. \$8,812.56.
 3. Nil.
 4. Not applicable.
3. The ACMA subscribes to a number of magazines.
 1. The Economist, TechLife, Harvard Business Review, The New Scientist to keep up with current issues as they relate to the ACMA and the communications sector. The ACMA also subscribes to TV Week which is used for reference purposes in relation to the Australian Content Standard and the Children's Television Standards.
 2. \$287.50.
 3. Not applicable.
 4. Not applicable.
4. Publications are not costed separately in the ACMA's payment system. Please refer to our responses concerning the ACMA's media/newspaper subscriptions above.