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**Question: AET 795-798**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions (ABS)**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

795. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
796. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
797. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
798. 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 is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
  - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer:**

795. Nil.

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- a. Newspapers purchased include:

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- The Australian Financial Review – This is a critical source of information and analysis of business, economics and finance in the Australian economy. It assists greatly work undertaken by ABS economic subject matter areas.
- The Australian – As a national newspaper, this source is necessary for information, commentary and analysis on a broad range of subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting ABS survey and business areas.
- The Advocate – This newspaper provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting South Australia.
- The Age - This newspaper provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Victoria.
- The Courier Mail - This newspaper provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Queensland.
- The Daily Telegraph - This newspaper provides information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting NSW. It is also a useful additional source for reference against other National and Regional news sources.
- The Herald Sun - This newspaper provides information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Victoria. It is also a useful additional source for reference against other National and Regional news sources.
- The Mercury - This newspaper provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Tasmania.
- Tasmanian Country - This newspaper provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting agriculture and rural areas, particularly in Tasmania. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with agricultural and rural issues.
- The Sunday Examiner - This newspaper provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting Northern Tasmania.
- The Sydney Morning Herald - This newspaper provides valuable information to ABS business and survey areas on subject areas including social issues, economics and business, information technology and politics affecting NSW.
- The Weekly Times - This newspaper provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting agriculture and rural areas. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with agricultural and rural issues.

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- The Indigenous Times – This newspaper provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting the Australian Indigenous Community. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with Indigenous and social issues.
- The Koori Mail - This newspaper provides valuable information and commentary on issues affecting the Australian Indigenous Community, particularly in NSW. Content is particularly useful for ABS subject matter areas that are concerned with Indigenous and social issues.

- b. Expenditure since 7 September 2013= \$5265.53.
- c. Nil.
- d. Nil.

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a. Magazines purchased:

- Business Review Weekly – BRW magazine provides information and analysis of business, economics and finance from an Australian perspective. It assists greatly work undertaken by ABS economic subject matter areas. It assists work undertaken by specific ABS economic subject matter areas and is a useful addendum to the Australian Financial Review.
- Smart Investor – Smart Investor magazine provides information and analysis of Investments and the Australian Investment Industry including property, shares, managed funds and other investment classes. It assists work undertaken by specific ABS economic subject matter areas and is a useful addition to the Australian Financial Review.
- Techlife – Provides useful information on information technology and digital media industries and is a necessary source of intelligence for ABS IT professionals.
- Australian PC User – Australian PC User provides content including articles and reviews of products for workplace information technology use, as well as tutorials on how to use these products effectively. It is a necessary source of information for ABS IT professionals.

- b. Expenditure since 7 September 2013 = \$254.89.
- c. Nil.
- d. Nil.

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a. The attached spreadsheet contains a list of core online publications subscribed to by the ABS. These publications are essential for the business of the ABS. The core online publications are purchased as part of a bundle subscription service which gives the ABS access to thousands of other publications. Titles cover a range of disciplines including economics, management, social research and information technology.

- b. Expenditure since 7 September 2013 = \$21,291.57
- c. Nil.
- d. Nil.