

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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26 February 2014

**Question: AET 936-939**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions (ATO)**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

936) 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?

937) 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?

938) 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?

939) 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:**

936) The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the parliamentary television network (ParlTV). The annual cost for the subscription to the network for 2013-14 is \$6,811 (exclusive of GST). This was paid on 7 November 2013.

937) The ATO subscribes to a range of hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals. These subscriptions are primarily business and/or industry focused. The ATO's financial management information system does not separately identify these costs by publication.

From 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014, expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and publications for the ATO (including the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, Australian Valuation Office, Australian Business Register and Tax Practitioners Board) was \$69,700 (exclusive of GST).

938) Please refer to AET 937.

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