

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: AET 1561-1564

Topic: Media subscriptions

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe/Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1561. 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?

1562. 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?

1563. 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?

1564. 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?

What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

Answer:

1561.

- a) The ACCC subscribes to a Business value package through Foxtel to access news and current affairs broadcasts.
- b) \$396.36 from 14 September 2015 – 19 February 2016
- c) The ACCC does not provide pay TV subscriptions to Ministers or Ministers' Offices.
- d) Not applicable.

1562.

- a) Newspaper subscriptions include: The Australian, The Weekend Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Financial Review, The Daily Telegraph, major newspapers for all other capital cities. Also, online subscriptions to The

Australian and The Financial Review. Reason: Media monitoring and core research material.

- b) \$13,108.60 from 14 September 2016 to 19 February 2017 total includes subscription to online newspapers.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.

1563

- a) Magazines include: The Economist, Choice and Retail World. Reason: Media monitoring and core research material.
- b) \$1502.94 from 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.

1564.

- a) During the period the ACCC purchased 2 titles. The ACCC also subscribes to around 60 online and hard copy journals including:

- 20 competition and consumer journals and newsletters
- 20 law journals
- 12 economics and regulatory journals
- A small number of energy, telecommunications and utilities journals.

Reason: Journals are key to furthering our regulatory expertise, provide core research material and are used for notifying staff of market, legal, economic and regulatory developments.

- b) \$13,146.00 from 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016 – Journals
\$230.86 from 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016 – Books
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.