

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Budget Estimates 2014

3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Question: BET 1321-1324

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1321. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
 - What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
1322. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each?
 - What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
1323. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
1324. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
- Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

Answer:

- 1321.
- The ACCC subscribes to a Business value package through Foxtel to access news and current affairs broadcasts.

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- b. \$719.08
- c. The ACCC does not provide pay TV subscriptions to Ministers or Minister's Offices.
- d. Not applicable.

1322.

- a. Newspaper subscriptions include: The Australian, The Weekend Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Financial Review, The Land, 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. \$5 478.
- c. The ACCC does not provide newspapers to Ministers or Minister's Offices.
- d. Not applicable.

1323.

- a. Magazines include: The Economist, My Business, Choice, and Retail World.

Reason: Media monitoring and core research material.

- b. \$304.
- c. The ACCC does not provide magazines to Ministers or Minister's Offices.
- d. Not applicable.

1324.

- a. During the period the ACCC purchased 160 copies of Millers Competition and Consumer Law – the ACCC's primary text book. The Library also purchased four other books that were required by staff for work in the period, and 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
- Small number of energy, telecoms and utilities journals.

Reason: Journals are key to furthering our regulatory expertise, provide core research material and are used for alerts.

- b. \$26 507.
- c. The ACCC does not provide publications to Ministers or Minister's Offices.
- d. Not applicable.