

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Treasury

Question: BET960-963

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Questions:

960. 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
961. 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
962. 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
963. 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

Answer:

960. a) Foxtel is required to monitor news, business and financial television.

Channels subscribed to are:

- A-Pac
- Al Jazeera

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- CCTV News
- BBC World
- Bloomberg Television
- Sky News Australia
- Sky News for Business

b) The expenditure from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date is \$11,054.00 (ex GST).

c) The same channels listed above are available.

d) No additional cost is involved. These services are provided as part of the Treasury Foxtel subscription bundle.

961. a) Newspapers are required to monitor current political, business and financial news.

Newspapers subscribed to are:

- Australian Financial Review (AFR)
- The Australian
- Canberra Times
- Sydney Morning Herald
- The Age
- Daily Telegraph
- Financial Times
- Melbourne Herald Sun
- The Courier Mail
- The Economist (magazine)
- Business Review Weekly (magazine)

b) The expenditure from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date is \$63,830.15 (ex GST)

c) Newspapers for the Ministers' Offices are as above

d) The expenditure from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date is \$7,318.88 (ex GST)

962. See Q961 (above)

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