

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000346

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Media subscriptions

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

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 1. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
 1. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

Answer

The Department's pay TV subscription is a package containing Sky News, Sky Business and Australian Public Affairs (APAC) channels. The subscriptions provide both national and international perspective and breaking news on a broad range of issues which both directly and indirectly impact on the work of the Department. The cost of pay TV subscription is \$153.92 per month for the Department and \$190.91 per month for the Minister's electorate office.

The Departments' newspaper and magazine subscriptions include: Harvard Business Review, The Age, The Advertiser (Adelaide), The Australian, The Australian Financial Review, The Canberra Times, The Courier Mail, The Daily Telegraph, The Economist, The Herald Sun, The Indigenous Times, The Koori Mail, The Land, The Mercury, The Northern Territory News, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Weekend Australian and The Weekly Times.

The reasons for the subscriptions include: monitoring of articles on government policy with reference to Government programmes delivered by the department; providing access to up to date international research and analysis on key issues to the Department and emerging issues relevant to the department. The total cost was \$11,580.60 for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.

The Ministers' offices newspaper subscription include: The Australian, The Australian Financial Review and The West Australian. The total cost was \$1,558.77 for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016. The Ministers' office did not have a magazine subscription.

The Department purchases a range of publications in order to maintain current knowledge of government policy with reference to Government programmes delivered by the Department; providing access to up to date international research and analysis on key issues to the department and emerging issues relevant to the Department. The total cost was \$34,921.83 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.

The Ministers' offices did not receive publications.