

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000695**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

#### **FWC - Media subscriptions**

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

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. 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?
  - d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

#### **Answer**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

1. The Fair Work Commission does not subscribe to pay TV.
- 2(a) Newspaper subscriptions are purchased by the Fair Work Commission to keep Members apprised of current events. The following newspapers were purchased during the reporting period:

*Australian Financial Review*  
*The Age*  
*Herald Sun*  
*The Australian*  
*Adelaide Advertiser*  
*Sydney Morning Herald*  
*Daily Telegraph*  
*Courier Mail*

- 2(b) The cost of newspapers from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 was \$10,699.80 (excluding GST).
- 2(c) The Fair Work Commission does not provide any newspaper subscriptions to the Minister or the Minister's office.
- 2(d) Not applicable.
- 3(a) Magazine subscriptions are purchased by the Fair Work Commission to keep apprised of current events and to provide reference material to Members and staff. The following magazine subscriptions were ongoing since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2014:

*Asia Pacific Journal of Human Resources*  
*Australian Journal of Management*  
*Berkeley Journey of Employment and Labor Law*  
*British Journal of Industrial Relations*  
*Economic Record*  
*Economist - England*  
*ILRReview*  
*Industrial Law Journal - England*  
*Industrial Relations*  
*Journal of Industrial Relations*  
*Journal of Labor Economics*  
*Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations*  
*Labour & Industry*  
*Law Institute Journal*  
*Law Society of NSW Journal*  
*Quadrant - Australia*  
*Work Employment & Society*  
*Aust Law Journal BV Serv Buckram-SAC*  
*Aust Law Journal&Rpts Cons Index-SAC*  
*Aust Law Journal&Rpts Pt.s-SUB*  
*WLAU-Aust Business Law Review Complete*  
*WLAU-Aust Dispute Resolution Jnl Comp*  
*WLAU-Aust Jnl of Admin Law Complete*  
*WLAU-Jnl of Judicial Admin. Complete*  
*WLAU-National Workplace Relations Online*  
*WLAU-Workplace Review*  
*Australian Transport News (RSRT)*  
*Australian Journal of Labour Law*

- 3(b) The cost of magazines from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 is \$11,928.16 (excluding GST).
- 3(c) The Fair Work Commission does not provide any magazine subscriptions to the Minister or the Minister's office.
- 3(d) Not applicable.

4(a) Publications are purchased by the Fair Work Commission to keep apprised of current events, to provide reference material to Members and staff and for other purposes (such as for the swearing of an oath during a hearing before the Fair Work Commission). The following publications have been purchased since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2014:

Torah

Bibles

Workplace Bullying X 5

Mediation: How to Guide

Mediators handbook, Principles of employment law, Professional liability in Australia

4(b) The cost of publications from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 is \$1,155.14 (excluding GST).

4(c) The Fair Work Commission does not provide any publications to the Minister or the Minister's office

4(d) Not applicable.