

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0527_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Media subscriptions

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

The Department of Education has provided the following response:

1. a) In terms of pay TV subscriptions, the Department of Education and the Department of Employment have a shared subscription to the Foxtel Business Package, comprising Sky News, Sky Business and the Australian Public Affairs (APAC) channels. The subscription provides both national and international news and current affairs that directly relates to the work of these departments.

b) For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the expenditure for pay TV services was \$1,147.45 (GST exclusive). Note: This is a shared cost between the Department of Education and the Department of Employment and it is not possible to disaggregate expenditure between the two departments.

c) & d) The Department of Education provides portfolio Ministers' offices access to the Foxtel Business Premium package. For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the Department of Education paid \$1,445.44 (GST exclusive).

2 and 3. a) In terms of newspaper and magazine subscriptions, the Department of Education and the Department of Employment shared the subscriptions listed in the table below. These subscriptions ensure the department can monitor, analyse research, anticipate and respond to a range of policy and programme issues. It enables departmental staff to be informed and to carry out their duties in servicing the Government of the day.

2 and 3. b) For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the expenditure for newspaper and magazine subscriptions was \$7,758.34 (GST exclusive). Note: This is a shared cost between the Department of Education and the Department of Employment and it is not possible to disaggregate expenditure between the two departments.

Publication
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
The Weekly Times

c) & d) The Department of Education provides portfolio Ministers' offices with access to the magazine and newspaper subscriptions listed in the table below. For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the Department of Education paid \$2,826.99 (GST exclusive).

Publication
The Age
The Australian
The Australian Financial Review
The Daily Telegraph
The Hobart Mercury
The Herald Sun
The Sydney Morning Herald
News Digital
The Canberra Times

4. a) The Department of Education and the Department of Employment purchase a range of publications in order to maintain current knowledge of policy with reference to Government programmes delivered by the departments; international research and analysis on key issues to the departments; and emerging issues relevant to the departments. To provide a listing of all publications would be an unnecessary diversion of resources.

b) For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the expenditure for publications was \$19,412.31 (GST exclusive). The majority of this expense relates to publications purchased by the Library which is a resource shared by the Department of Education and the Department of Employment. Note: This is a shared cost between the departments and it is not possible to disaggregate expenditure between them.

c) & d) Nil.

Note: Information provided by both departments, in the response to Question on Notice ED0159_15, covered up to 30 June 2014.

The following agencies have provided responses:

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

1. a) In terms of pay TV subscriptions, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority subscribes to the Foxtel Business Package, comprising Sky News, Sky Business and the Australian Public Affairs (APAC) channels, to provide current information on significant educational issues and current affairs.

b) For the period 1 July to 31 October 2014 the pay TV subscription cost was \$1,109.09 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Nil.

2. a) In terms of newspaper subscriptions, the ACARA subscribes to The Australian, The Telegraph, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian Financial Review. These subscriptions provide information on education news and current affairs relevant to ACARA.

b) For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the newspaper subscription costs were \$521.82 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Not applicable.

3. a) In terms of magazine subscriptions, the ACARA subscribes to the Education Review journal, the Cunningham Library, the e-Macquarie Dictionary and Work Health & Safety (a digital information service).

For the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 the magazine subscription costs were \$584.09 (GST exclusive).

4) a) - d) Not applicable.

Note: Information provided by ACARA, in the response to Question on Notice ED0159_15, covered up to 30 June 2014.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

1. Nil.

a) Not Applicable.

b) Not Applicable.

c) & d) Nil.

2. a) In terms of newspaper and magazine subscriptions, the AIATSIS library subscribes to approximately 319 current newspapers, magazines and journals. Subscriptions include the Koori Mail, National Indigenous Times and Torres News, The Australian, Canberra Times, Sydney Morning Herald and the Financial Review. These subscriptions provide awareness of current national issues relevant to AIATSIS.

b) The total cost for annual subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and journals is \$32,375.60 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Not applicable.

3. a) See response to question 2. a)(above).

b) See response to question 2. b) (above).

c) & d) Not applicable.

4. a) In terms of publications purchased, the AIATSIS library is a national archival collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and purchasing publications for this collection is core business. Some publications are also purchased to support AIATSIS' research, publications and corporate functions.

Between 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, 207 items have been purchased for the library, all relating to its purpose as a national archival collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

b) For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014 the publication costs were \$13,230 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Nil.

Note: Information provided by AIATSIS, in the response to Question on Notice ED0159_15, covered up to 31 May 2014.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)

1. Nil.

a) Not Applicable.

b) Not Applicable.

c) & d) Not applicable.

2. a) In terms of newspaper subscriptions, the AITSL subscribes to the Koorie Mail.

b) \$86.35 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Not applicable.

3. a) Nil.

b) Not Applicable.

c) & d) Not applicable.

4. a) & b) Publications purchased by the AITSL were:

Amount \$	Provider	Reason
AUD \$395.45 (GST exclusive)	Cunningham Library, Australian Council for Educational Research	Daily news alerts, email updates to library collection, access to library collection and some online journals – good for research and government reports
USD \$74.95	Education Week (USA)	Daily news alerts and links to blog posts and some research papers – good for technology ideas and teaching tips
USD \$130.00	American Educational Research Association	Information source on education in the USA

c) & d) Not applicable.

Note: Information provided by AITSL, in the response to Question on Notice ED0159_15, covered up to 30 June 2014.

Australian Research Council (ARC)

1. a) In terms of pay TV subscriptions, the ARC has a pay TV subscription package from TransAct Pty Ltd. The TransAct Essentials package includes Parliamentary services (House of Representatives and Senate) used for monitoring Parliamentary sitting week and Senate Estimate proceedings

b) For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 the Pay TV subscription costs were \$449.58 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Not applicable.

2. a) In terms of newspaper subscriptions, the ARC subscribes to The Australian newspaper to monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader Government news relevant to the agency, specifically the Higher Education Supplement.

The ARC receives The Canberra Times to monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader Government news relevant to the ARC.

b) For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 the newspaper subscription costs were \$731.44 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Not applicable.

3 a) In terms of magazine subscriptions, the ARC subscribes to Who's Who, which is required for background research relevant to the ARC.

b) Nil for the reporting period.

c) & d) Not applicable.

4. a) Publications purchased by the ARC:

- Oxford University Press, for science and public policy periodicals,
- Scientometrics, for scientific research journals
- Elsevier, for research policy articles
- Crikey, to monitor discussions regarding the higher education and research sector
- Campus Review, to monitor news regarding the science and research sectors and broader news relevant to the ARC, and
- Science, to ensure the ARC is aware of information in the premier publication for the Science sector.

b) Nil for the reporting period.

c) & d) Not applicable.

Note: Information provided by ARC, in the response to Question on Notice ED0159_15, covered up to 31 May 2014.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)

1. Nil.

2. a) In terms of newspaper subscriptions, the TEQSA subscribes to the following newspapers:

- Australian Financial Review print and digital access
- Herald Sun and Daily Telegraph print and digital access
- The Australian print and digital pass
- The Age and Sydney morning Herald print and digital access
- The Australian (1 x hardcopies – Wednesday issue only)

b) For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 the newspaper subscription costs were \$662 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Not applicable.

3. a) In terms of magazine subscriptions, the TEQSA subscribes to the following magazines:

- Times Higher Education
- Campus Review
- Harvard Business Review
- Crikey Daily Mail
- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Image and Data Manager (IDM), and
- Government Technology Review.

b) For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 the magazine subscription costs were \$778 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Nil.

4. a) Publications purchased by TESQA were:

- International Trends in University Governance
- Tuition Rising: Why College Costs So Much?
- University Teaching in Focus
- The Lisbon Recognition Convention at 15: making fair recognition a reality
- The Dawkins Revolution 25 years On, and
- Universities in the Marketplace.

The TESQA also has an annual subscription to the Online Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus.

b) For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 the publication costs were \$345 (GST exclusive).

c) & d) Nil.

Note: Information provided by TEQSA, in the response to Question on Notice ED0159_15, covered up to 31 May 2014.