

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Question:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Department? Please provide a complete list of each service to which the Department subscribed.
2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for Ministers in the portfolio? Please provide a complete list of each service to which ministerial offices subscribed.

Answer:

1. The total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 was \$434,975.11. A list of each service to which PM&C is subscribed is below:
 - a. Newspapers
 - i. PM&C provides newspapers to support departmental officers in the execution of their advisory roles. Records held centrally in PM&C relate to the following newspaper subscriptions:
 - The Age
 - The Australian
 - The Australian Financial Review
 - The Canberra Times
 - The Courier Mail
 - The Daily Telegraph
 - The Financial Times
 - The Geraldton Guardian

- Inside Canberra
- The Kimberley Echo
- The Koori Mail
- The New York Times
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Townsville Bulletin
- The Wall Street Journal
- The West Australian

b. Magazines

- ii. PM&C subscribes to a variety of local and international magazines. The subscriptions provide access to topical articles relevant to the execution of departmental officers' advisory roles. Records held centrally in PM&C relate to the following magazine subscriptions:
- IDN Magazine
 - The Economist
 - Foreign Affairs
 - Quadrant
 - Time Australia

c. Journals and Periodicals

- iii. PM&C subscribes to a variety journals and periodicals. The subscriptions provide access to reference articles relevant to the execution of departmental officers' advisory roles. Records held centrally in PM&C relate to the following journal and periodical subscriptions:
- Australian Law Journal
 - Evaluation Journal or Australasia
 - Consensus Economics
 - Decisive Publishing
 - Deloitte Finance
 - EBSCO Journal Services
 - IHS Global Ltd
 - The National Library of Australia
 - Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Publishing
 - Taylor & Francis Group
 - Thomson Reuters

2. From 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016, Ministers within the PM&C portfolio had subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and online news services. The total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions for Ministers in the Portfolio was \$87,244.06.

- i. Records held in PM&C relate to the following newspaper, magazine and online subscriptions for ministerial offices:
- The Advertiser

- The Age
- The Australian
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Economist
- The Examiner
- The Australian Financial Review
- The Canberra Times
- The Land
- The New York Times
- The Sun Herald
- The Sunday Telegraph
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- The Townsville Bulletin
- The West Australian
- The Mercury
- Time Magazine
- The Herald Sun
- The Weekly Times
- The Koori Mail
- The National Indigenous Times
- NT News
- The Centralian Advocate