

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

2. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

3. 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 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

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 is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
- c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
- d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) subscribes to facilitate access to parliamentary and news channels.
 - a) The APSC's pay TV provider Foxtel provides the following channels: BBC World, CNN, Sky News, OHPAC, the Weather Channel, Fox News and Bloomberg Television. In addition to accessing parliamentary channels, Foxtel provides a facility for access to breaking news and current affairs that may have relevance to the APSC's business activities.
 - b) The APSC's financial management information system cannot accurately report costs for a partial month. The cost for pay TV from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is estimated to be \$705 exclusive of GST.
 - c) The APSC does not provide pay TV services to the Minister or his office.

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d) Not applicable.

2. & 3.

a) The APSC's subscriptions to newspapers are The Canberra Times, Financial Review, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian. Subscriptions to magazines and journals are detailed below:

- About the House
- American Review of Public Administration
- Australian Journal of Public Administration
- Ethos
- Evaluation Journal Australasia
- Harvard Business Review
- HC (Human Capital)
- HR Monthly (AUST)
- International Public Management Journal
- International Review of Administrative Sciences
- Living Ethics
- Management Today (Aust)
- McKinsey Quarterly
- PAR: Public Administration Review
- PA Times
- Public Administration Quarterly
- Public Administration Today
- Public Integrity (US)
- Public Performance & Management Review (US)
- Review of Public Personnel Administration
- T+D Training & Development
- Training and Development in Australia

Access to national daily newspapers and magazines is a means by which the APSC stays informed of activities and trends both internationally and nationally in its areas of responsibility and interests.

b) The APSC's financial management information system cannot accurately report costs for a partial month. The cost for newspapers and magazines from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 is estimated to be \$1,143 exclusive of GST.

c) The APSC does not provide newspapers and magazines to the Minister or his office.

d) Not applicable.

4. The APSC does not purchase publications. No purchases have been made this financial year to date.

a) Not applicable.

b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

d) Not applicable.