

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Program: General

Question No. AE16/102

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

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?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1.
 - 1-2. To attempt to provide the level of detail required from the portfolio would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
 - 3-4. The department has not provided TV subscriptions to the ministers' offices.
2.
 - 1-2. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
 3. The department provides the following newspaper subscriptions to the ministers' offices each week:
 - Adelaide Advertiser
 - Age
 - Australian
 - Australian Financial Review
 - Canberra Times

- Courier Mail
- Daily Telegraph
- Herald Sun
- Sydney Morning Herald
- West Australian

4. The cost of newspaper subscriptions provided to ministers or their offices during the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016 was approximately \$6,203.42 (GST exclusive).

3.

1-2. To attempt to provide the level of detail required from the portfolio would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3. The department does not provide online or hard copy magazine subscriptions to ministers' offices.

4. N/A

4.

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3. The department does not provide publications to ministers' offices.

4. N/A