

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 386

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.

**Answer:**

Yes. Subscriptions to newspapers supplement the Department's media monitoring service, assisting to put an article in context with other columns or commentary relating to press coverage about portfolio business, but not necessarily relevant for our media monitoring service to capture. Newspapers assist departmental officers' to obtain information about current trends, and expert and stakeholder views of issues relevant to the Department.

The cost and list of newspapers is not readily available for the Department and portfolio agencies without the use of significant resources.