

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 99  
**Hearing:** Additional Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Portfolio wide - Media subscription TV  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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 for this from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer:**

The Department and agencies have pay TV subscriptions to Foxtel and Austar.

a)

Locality	Channels included	Reason
Brisbane Bureau of Meteorology Regional Forecasting Centre	Foxtel – standard package including news and weather channels. No additional sports.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events.
Willis Island Meteorological Office	Austar – Entertainment + movies and more, free to air channels, Sci Fi, TV1, Discovery, History, Lifestyle Food and National Geographic channels.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events and entertainment for staff based at a very remote locality.
Giles Meteorological Office	Foxtel – standard package including news and weather channels, plus extra movie channels and free to air channels.	Situational awareness during extreme weather events and entertainment for staff based at a very remote locality.

National Meteorological and Oceanographic Centre	Foxtel – Business Package (includes news, weather and standard sport channels).	Situational awareness required for routine media broadcasts and in producing forecasts.
John Gorton Building Canberra	Foxtel – Business Package (includes news, weather and standard sport channels).	Used to assist with identifying and tracking issues relevant to the portfolio.

- b) The cost for the services listed above for the Department and agencies for the period of 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014 is \$6,477.95 (GST inc).
- c) No pay TV subscriptions were provided by the Department for the Minister or his office.
- d) Not applicable – see response for (c).