

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 155

Program No. Australian Communication and Media Authority

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. 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 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister of their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September 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 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister of their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September 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 to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister of their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September to date?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase and the reason for each.
 - a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - b) What is the cost from 7 September to date?
 - c) What is provided to the Minister of their office?
 - d) What is the cost from 7 September to date?

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Answer:

1. The ACMA subscribes to Foxtel.
 - a) The channels included in this package are skyNEWS, World News, CNN, The Weather Channel, Bloomberg, Fox News, CNBC, a-pac, Ajazeera and CCTV News. A number of sports, documentaries and other miscellaneous channels are also included as part of the overall package. The ACMA subscribes to Foxtel to oversee and monitor various content and technical issues whilst also responding to complaints under the Broadcast Services Act, for example, the anti-siphoning rules.
 - b) \$0.002m
 - c) Nil
 - d) N/A
2. The ACMA subscribes to a number of newspapers.
 - a) The newspaper subscriptions are the Australian, The Age, Financial Review, Canberra Times and the Daily Telegraph. The ACMA as a regulator keeps abreast of, and monitors media issues in the industry as they emerge.
 - b) \$0.001m
 - c) Nil
 - d) N/A
- 1) The ACMA does not subscribe to magazines.
 - a) N/A
 - b) N/A
 - c) N/A
 - d) N/A
- 2) The ACMA subscribes to a number of publications.
 - a) The ACMA subscribes to:
 - National and international technical or science journals and periodicals;
 - National and international broadcasting and telecommunications journals; and
 - Legal journals and periodicals.The subscriptions ensure that ACMA staff are kept informed of current and changing technologies and legal opinions.
 - b) \$0.012m
 - c) Nil
 - d) N/A