

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 213

Program No. NBN Co

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 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. NBN Co has subscriptions to Foxtel's Business Information package in order to stay informed of relevant public affairs and events. NBN Co does not provide Media subscriptions of any kind to the Ministers office. For the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 expenditure was \$1,527 + GST.
2. NBN Co has subscriptions for The Australian Financial Review, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Herald Sun, The Daily Telegraph, and The Australian. The subscriptions are to ensure the company can track relevant public developments, business news and industry commentary. For the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 expenditure was \$2,599 + GST.
3. There is no central repository for magazine subscriptions alone.
4. Individuals are able to order periodicals relevant to their work via their expenses.