

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 94**

**Program No. SBS**

**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.
  - a. As a news broadcaster, and as the owner of two subscription television channels broadcast on the Foxtel platform, SBS subscribes to Foxtel – all channels.
  - b. \$2,167 from 1 September 2013.
  - c. Nil.
  - d. Not applicable.
2.
  - a. SBS purchases newspapers, magazines and publications in order to keep abreast of local and international industry developments and news and current affairs coverage. To provide further details would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
  - b. \$21,706 from 1 September 2013.
  - c. Nil.
  - d. Not applicable.
3. As above.
4. As above.