

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2012

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Question: AET 459 - 461

Topic: Media Subscriptions (ATO)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

459. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?
- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
460. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
461. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
- If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Answer:

459. The ATO does not subscribe to pay TV. However, the ATO does subscribe to the Parliamentary Network.
- The annual cost for subscription to the Parliamentary Network for the 2011-12 financial year is \$6,572 (exclusive of GST), a one-off payment.
460. The ATO subscribes to a range of hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals. These subscriptions are primarily business and/or industry focused. The ATO's financial management information system does not separately identify these costs by publication.
- In 2011-12, the ATO estimates that it will spend approximately \$202,000 on a range of hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals.
- The ATO's year to date expenditure on hard copy magazines, newspapers and journals as at 31 January 2012 is \$117,797.
461. Please refer to the response provided to AET 460.