

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 453 - 455

Topic: Media Subscriptions (ABS)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

453. 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?
454. 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?
455. 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:

453. No.

454. Yes.

- The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) subscribes to newspapers for current awareness, reference and research purposes and newspapers are delivered to divisional support/subject matter areas in ABS offices in each state/territory.

Cost is \$40890 PA (GST exclusive)

Newspapers purchased include:

The Australian Financial Review

The Australian

The Age

The Sydney Morning Herald

The Herald Sun

The Daily Telegraph

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The Indigenous Times

The Koori Mail

Copies of regional/local newspapers are also purchased in each state/territory including:

The Mercury, The Advocate, The Examiner, Courier Mail. Tasmania Country and Weekly Times

b) \$40890 (GST exclusive)

c) As at 31 January 2012, \$27 260 (GST exclusive)

455. Yes.

a) The ABS subscribes to print magazines for the purposes of reference and current awareness

Cost is \$1054 (GST exclusive)

Magazines are:

Business Review Weekly

Smart Investor

Australian PC User

Australian Personal Computer

b) \$1054 (GST exclusive)

c) As at 31 January 2012, \$700 (GST exclusive)