

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
Additional Estimates Hearing 2012-13  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Media Subscriptions

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** AI-135

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
  - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - What is their cost for this financial year to date?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - What is their cost for this financial year to date?

**ANSWER**

Please refer to SI-165 for costs on media subscriptions for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012.

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION**

1. The cost for TV subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$7,083 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of pay TV the department subscribes to.
2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$28,991 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 and SI-165 for details of newspapers that the department subscribes to. The following provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

<b>Newspapers</b>	<b>Reason</b>
CCH Alerts Campus Review Science Daily Southern Weekly China Newsweek Beijing Youth Daily Nikkiei Weekly	The department subscribes to newspapers to allow staff to keep up to date with national and international events.

Nihon Keizaj The Australian Commercial Bank Chronicle of Higher Education	
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3. The cost for magazine subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$33,578 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 and SI-165 for details of magazines that the department subscribes to. The following provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

<b>Magazines</b>	<b>Reason</b>
International Financial Statistics Yearbook Reserve Bank Bulletin The Australian Magazine Food and Drink Australian Farm Institute Publications Choice	The department subscribes to magazines to allow staff to keep up to date with national and international events.

#### **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)**

1. AIATSIS does not subscribe to pay TV.
2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$8,500 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 and SI-165 for details of newspapers that AIATSIS subscribes to. The following provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

<b>Newspapers</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Tracker	To keep staff informed and update on current issue relations to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs  Copies are also retained by the Library for use by staff and clients as reference material

3. AIATSIS subscribes to various online magazines. These magazines are retained by the Library for use by staff as reference material. The total cost from estimated cost for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$23,000 (GST exclusive).

#### **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)**

1. AIMS does not subscribe to pay TV subscriptions.

2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$376 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of newspapers that the AIMS subscribes to.
3. The cost for magazine subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$120 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of magazines that the AIMS subscribes to.

**AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)**

1. The cost for TV subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$169 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of pay TV ANSTO subscribes to.
2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$2,800 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of newspapers that ANSTO subscribes to.
3. The cost for magazine subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$54,597 (GST exclusive). This reflects the one-off processing of annual renewals for many subscriptions which occurred over the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013. Please refer to AI-240 for details of magazines that ANSTO subscribes to.

**AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)**

1. Nil.
2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$400 (GST exclusive). Please refer to BI-194 for details of newspapers ASQA subscribes to.
3. The cost for magazine subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$17 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 and SI-165 for details of magazines that ARC subscribes to.

**AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)**

1. ASQA does not subscribe to pay TV.
2. The cost for newspaper subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January **2013** is \$518.60 (GST exclusive).

The cost for newspaper subscriptions for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$2,401.76 (GST exclusive). Please refer to BI-194 for details of newspapers that ASQA subscribes to. The following provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

Newspapers	Reason
West Australian	ASQA subscribes to newspapers to allow staff to

Courier Mail Mercury Examiner	keep up to date with state, national and international events.
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3. ASQA does not subscribe to magazines.

### **COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)**

1. CSIRO has a subscription to pay TV at its Limestone Avenue site. This subscription has been taken so that CSIRO's Ministerial and Parliamentary Office and CSIRO's Executive Manager of Communications can monitor Parliamentary Sitings as CSIRO does not have access at this site to the Parliamentary feed as other Government departments in Canberra do. The cost for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$387 (GST exclusive).
- 2,3. CSIRO consists of eleven National Research Flagships, 12 research divisions and a number of other research and support units at over 55 sites across Australia. The responsibility for purchasing and supply of newspapers and magazines is administered locally at each site. Additionally CSIRO's expenditure on newspapers and magazines is included with other miscellaneous items that cannot be attributed to any identifiable codes for example plant hire, laundry and newspapers, in expenditure transactions under CSIRO's miscellaneous materials supplies and services code. It would require a manual check of the financial records of all of CSIRO's sites for the specified period to identify transactions relevant to the items in question. This manual check would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

### **IP AUSTRALIA**

1. The cost for TV subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$818 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of pay TV IP Australia subscribes to.
2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$2,196 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of newspapers IP Australia subscribes to.
3. The cost for magazine subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$153,267 (GST exclusive). Please refer to AI-240 for details of magazines IP Australia subscribes to.

### **TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)**

1. TEQSA does not subscribe to pay TV.
2. The cost for newspapers subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$359 (GST exclusive). Please refer to BI-194 for details of newspapers that TEQSA subscribes to.

3. The cost for magazine subscriptions for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is \$3,413 (GST exclusive). Please refer to BI-194 and SI-165 for details of magazines that TEQSA subscribes to.