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Question: AET 47-50

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Written: 5 Mar 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

47. 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 from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
48. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
49. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
- Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?
50. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
- Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?
 - What is provided to the Minister or their office?
 - What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

47. a) Foxtel is required to monitor news, business and financial television.
Channels subscribed to are:
- A-Pac
 - Al Jazeera

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- CCTV News
- BBC World
- Bloomberg Television
- Sky News Australia
- Sky News for Business

b) The expenditure from 7 September 2013 to 19 March 2014 is \$16,446.20 (inc GST)

c) The same channels listed above are available.

d) No additional cost is involved. These services are provided as part of the Treasury Foxtel subscription bundle.

48. a) Newspapers are required to monitor current political, business and financial news.

Newspapers subscribed to are:

- Australian Financial Review (AFR)
- The Australian
- Canberra Times
- Sydney Morning Herald
- The Age
- Daily Telegraph
- Financial Times
- Melbourne Herald Sun
- The Courier Mail
- The Economist (magazine)
- Business Review Weekly (magazine)

b) The expenditure from 7 September 2013 to 19 March 2014 is \$41,575.67 (inc GST)

c) Newspapers for the Ministers' Offices are as above

d) The expenditure from 7 September 2013 to 19 March 2014 is \$6,075.93 (inc GST)

49. a) –d) See response to Question 2

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