### **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 654-657** 

**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

Written: 5 March 2014

#### Senator LUDWIG asked:

654. 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?
- 655. 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?
- 656. 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?
- 657. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each?
  - a) Please provide a list of publications 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:**

- 654. Nil
- 655. a. The Australian, Australian Financial Review, Canberra Times, The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald. Access to national daily newspapers is a means of staying informed of issues relevant to the Commission's areas of responsibility and interests.
  - b. \$15,621 (ex GST)
  - c. Not applicable.
  - d. Nil.

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- 656. a. The Economist, Choice Magazine and Waste Management and Environment Magazine. Access to selected magazines is a means of staying informed of activities and trends relevant to the Commission's areas of responsibility and interests.
  - b. \$893 (ex GST).
  - c. Not applicable.
  - d. Nil.
- 657. a. The Commission orders a diverse range of publication on an ad hoc basis relevant to the research inquiries in progress. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to list the publication and reason for each.
  - b. \$4,774 (ex GST).
  - c. Not applicable.
  - d. Nil.