

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13  
28 and 29 May 2012

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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.:** BI-194

1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
  - a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
  - b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?
2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
  - a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
  - b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?
3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
  - a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
  - b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?

**ANSWER**

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

1. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's pay TV subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost from 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$7742 (GST exclusive).
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Portfolio's newspapers subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$20,672 (GST exclusive).
3. Yes. Please refer to AI-240 for the Portfolio's magazines subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012.

Additional magazines purchased for 1 March 2012 to 31 May 2012 is detailed in the following table:

<b>Magazines 1 March 2012 to 31 May 2012</b>
Australian Journal of Early Childhood
2011 Barlow Report
Choice Magazine
Position Magazine

The Department subscribes to magazines to allow staff to keep up to date with the latest developments and trends in relevant business and government fields. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$20,972 (GST exclusive).

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

1. AIATSIS does not subscribe to pay TV subscriptions.
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the agencies newspapers subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. AIATSIS cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$322 (GST exclusive).
3. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's magazine subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. There is no cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012.

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

1. AIMS does not subscribe to pay TV subscriptions.
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for AIMS newspaper subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$580 (GST exclusive).
3. No. Please refer to AI-240 for AIMS magazine subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. There is no cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012.

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

1. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's pay TV subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$682 (GST exclusive).
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's newspaper subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$10,805 (GST exclusive).
3. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's magazine subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$76,270 (GST exclusive).

#### **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL**

1. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the agency's pay TV subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. There is no cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012.
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the agency's newspaper subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. There is no cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012.

3. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Portfolio's magazine subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. There is no cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012.

### **AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)**

1. ASQA does not subscribe to pay TV subscriptions.
2. ASQA joined the department in the last Machinery of Government changes, the newspapers subscriptions cost for the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$1,798 (GST exclusive). ASQA subscribes to the following newspapers to staff up to date with national and international events.
  - The Herald Sun
  - The Age
  - The Australian
  - The Australian Financial Review
  - Campus Review
  - RTO Management
3. ASQA does not subscribe to magazines.

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

1. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$426 (GST exclusive).
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's newspaper subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012.
3. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's newspaper subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012.

### **IP AUSTRALIA**

1. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's pay TV subscription for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$818 (GST exclusive).
2. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's newspaper subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$2,073 (GST exclusive).
3. No. Please refer to AI-240 for the Agency's magazine subscriptions for 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. The cost for 1 March to 31 May 2012 is \$83,720 (GST exclusive).

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

1. TEQSA does not have any TV subscriptions.
2. TEQSA joined the department in the last Machinery of Government changes, the newspaper subscriptions costs for the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$1,297 (GST exclusive). TEQSA subscribes to the following newspapers to staff up to date with national and international events.
  - The Australian Financial Review (since 29 May 2012)
  - The Age
  - The Australian
  - The Herald Sun
3. TEQSA subscribes to the following magazines to monitor articles relevant to TEQSA's functions. The estimates cost for this financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$436 (GST exclusive).
  - GTR (Government Technology Review)
  - Campus Review