

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION**  
**(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)**

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Question: SBT 55

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator Bushby asked:

1. 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.
2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.

Answer:

The subscriptions included below are those subscriptions that were current as at 31 October 2010.

1. Yes.

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Reason:   | To monitor news.   |
| Cost:     | \$1,535.10 monthly subscription  |
| Channels: | BBC<br>Sky News Australia<br>Sky News Business<br>Bloomberg<br>Kabelvision<br>Indovision |

2. Yes.

For the purposes of answering this question, a subscription is a pre-payment for consecutive issues of a newspaper for a given period of time.

|             |                              |
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| Reason:     | To monitor news.             |
| Cost:       | \$1,888 monthly subscription |
| Newspapers: | Australian Financial Review  |
|             | The Financial Times          |
|             | The Land                     |

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3. Yes

For the purposes of answering this question, a subscription is a pre-payment for consecutive issues of a magazine for a given period of time.

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| Reason:    | To monitor trends and analysis. |
| Cost:      | \$478 monthly subscription      |
| Magazines: | The Economist                   |
|            | Insto Magazine                  |
|            | Super Review                    |
|            | Business Review Weekly          |
|            | Superannuation Digest           |
|            | Superfunds                      |
|            | Proline Magazine                |