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TOPIC: OCS - MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

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QUESTION No.: SI-93

1. How many staff in the Office of Chief Scientist are media and/or communications officers? And what system is in place for media monitoring?
2. Have there been any requests for media appearances that Professor Chubb has so far declined in his time as Chief Scientist? If yes, which programs and on what dates?
3. To what newspapers and scientific journals does the Office of Chief Scientist subscribe?

ANSWER

1. There are two staff dedicated to media/communications as well as logistics and stakeholder management. Staff from the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) use the Departmental media monitoring system. As at 31 October 2011 OCS has engaged a topic/key-word specific web and social media monitoring service.
2. Yes. The Bolt Report, declined on 22 June 2011 and The Today Show, declined on 13 September 2011.
3. The OSC has subscriptions to the Canberra Times, Financial Review and The Sydney Morning Herald newspapers. It also subscribes to the New Scientist magazine. There are no subscriptions to scientific journals however the Chief Scientist and key staff have access to the ANU library services which includes scientific journals.