

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 174 - 176  
Topic: Productivity Commission Media Subscriptions  
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Senator Bushby asked:

174. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)?
- a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
  - b) What was the cost for 2010-11?
  - c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
175. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
- a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
  - b) What was the cost for 2010-11?
  - c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
176. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
- a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
  - b) What was the cost for 2010-11?
  - c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Answer:

174. No.

175. Yes.

- a) The Commission subscribes to 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) The cost of newspaper subscriptions for 2010-11 was \$26,687.43 (GST exclusive).
- c) The estimated cost of newspaper subscriptions for 2011-12 is \$27,000 (GST exclusive).

176. Yes.

- a) The Commission subscribes to the Business Review Weekly, The Economist, and Choice 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) The cost of magazines for 2010-11 was \$644.45 (GST exclusive).
- c) The estimated cost of magazines for 2011-12 is \$700.00 (GST exclusive).