

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 277 - 279  
Topic: ABS Media Subscriptions  
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Senator Bushy asked:

277. 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?
278. 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?
279. 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:

277. No.

278. Yes.

a) The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) subscribes to newspapers for current awareness, reference and research purposes and newspapers are delivered to divisional support/subject matter areas in ABS offices in each state/territory. Newspapers purchased include:  
The Australian Financial Review  
The Australian

The Age  
Sydney Morning Herald  
The Herald Sun  
The Daily Telegraph  
The Indigenous Times  
The Koori Mail

Copies of regional/local newspapers are also purchased in each state/territory.

b) Expenditure in 2010-11 was \$34 000.

c) The estimated cost in 2011-12 is expected to be approximately \$35 000.

279. Yes.

a) The ABS subscribes to the following print magazines for the purposes of reference and current awareness:

Business Review Weekly

Smart Investor

Australian PC User

Australian Personal Computer

b) Expenditure in 2010-11 was \$600.

c) The estimate cost for 2011-12 is expected to be approximately \$630.