

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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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.: SI-165

1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
4. What was the 2011-12 cost for:
 - TV subscriptions
 - Newspaper subscriptions
 - Magazine subscriptions
5. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries?
If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.

ANSWER

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

1. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date (as at 31 October) is \$11,805 (GST exclusive).
2. Yes. The following below provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Budget Estimates

Newspapers	Reason
Daily Advertiser Area News Toowoomba Chronicle North East Advertisers Tasmanian Country	Allows staff to keep up to date with national and international events.

The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$33,807 (GST exclusive).

3. Yes. The following table provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Budget Estimates

Magazines	Reason
Australian Aquaculture Central Coast Business Review Hunter Business Review Industry update InBusiness South Australia Engineers Australia Auto Engineering International Wheels magazine Crikey Fortune Magazine Money Magazine	Allow staff to keep up to date with the latest developments and trends in relevant business and government fields.

The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$151,583 (GST exclusive).

4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows:

Subscription	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
TV	2,346
Newspaper	7,227
Magazine	9,266

5. Details on media subscriptions supplied to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries is as follows.

Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. The costs for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries were included in the consolidated figures provided in the response to these questions. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 and financial year to date is as follows:

Subscriptions	2011-12 \$ (GST exclusive) 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012	2012-13 \$ (GST Exclusive) (as at 31 October 2012)
TV	158	474
Newspaper	2,126	6,652
Magazine	372	856

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

1. AIATSIS does not subscribe to pay TV.

2. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$664 (GST exclusive).
3. AIATSIS does not subscribe to magazines.
4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows:

Subscription	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
TV	Nil
Newspaper	147
Magazine	Nil

5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

1. AIMS does not subscribe to pay TV subscriptions.
2. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$394 (GST exclusive).
3. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$247 (GST exclusive).
4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows:

Subscription	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
TV	Nil
Newspaper	239
Magazine	292

5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

1. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$225 (GST exclusive).
2. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$3,733 (GST exclusive).
3. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$14,743 (GST exclusive).

4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows:

Subscription	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
TV	56
Newspaper	933
Magazine	Nil

5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

1. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$3,022 (GST exclusive).
2. Yes. The following table provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Budget Estimates

Newspapers	Reason
The Australian	Allows staff to keep up to date with national and international events.
The Financial Review	
The Canberra Times	

The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$930 (GST exclusive).

3. Yes. The following table provides detail on additional subscriptions since 2012-13 Budget Estimates.

Magazines	Reason
Australian Council for Educational Research - Join the Dots	Information relating to research discipline
Campus Review	Media articles relating to ARC and portfolio
Business Review Weekly	Media articles relating to ARC and portfolio
Margaret Gee's Media Guide	Media contacts

The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$3,527 (GST exclusive).

4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. ARC has no TV, newspaper and magazine subscription costs for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012.
5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)

1. ASQA does not subscribe to pay TV.
2. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$1,833 (GST exclusive).
3. ASQA does not subscribe to magazines.
4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows:

Subscription	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
TV	Nil
Newspaper	342
Magazine	Nil

5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

1. CSIRO has a subscription to pay TV at its Limestone Avenue site. This subscription has been taken so that CSIRO's Ministerial and Parliamentary Office and CSIRO's Executive Manager of Communications can monitor Parliamentary Sitings as CSIRO does not have access at this site to the Parliamentary feed as other Government departments in Canberra do. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$516 (GST exclusive).
- 2,3&4. CSIRO consists of eleven National Research Flagships, 13 research divisions and a number of other research and support units at over 55 sites across Australia. The responsibility for purchasing and supply of newspapers and magazines is administered locally at each site. Additionally CSIRO's expenditure on newspapers and magazines is included with other miscellaneous items that cannot be attributed to any identifiable codes for example plant hire, laundry and newspapers, in expenditure transactions under CSIRO's miscellaneous materials supplies and services code. It would require a manual check of the financial records of all of CSIRO's sites for the specified period to identify transactions relevant to the items in question. This manual check would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. The cost of TV subscription for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is \$129 (GST exclusive).

5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

IP AUSTRALIA

1. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$1,090.92 (GST exclusive).
2. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$2,789.95 (GST exclusive).
3. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$97,750.61 (GST exclusive).
4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. Details on costs of TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012 is as follows:

Subscription	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
TV	272
Newspaper	883
Magazine	49,302

5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.

TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)

1. TEQSA does not subscribe to pay TV.
2. No. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$403 (GST exclusive).
3. Yes. The cost for the 2012-13 financial year to date as at 31 October 2012 is \$54 (GST exclusive).

Magazines	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Reason
IDM (Image and Data Manager)	54	To be kept up-to-date on information management related issues in Australia such as records and enterprise content management.

4. Please refer to AI-240 and BI-194 for details on TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012. TEQSA has no TV, newspaper and magazine subscription costs for the period 1 June 2012 to 30 June 2012.
5. Please refer to the answer provided by DIISRTE.