

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media Subscriptions**

Question: **42**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 March 2012

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.
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?
4. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Answer

1. The following pay TV channels are provided free of charge to DPS for distribution throughout Parliament House:
 - a. Foxtel
 - A-PAC
 - Sky News
 - Sky News Business
 - CNBC
 - Bloomberg
 - Fox Sports 1, 2 and 3
 - Fox Weather
 - NITV
 - b. CNN International
 - c. BBC World
 - d. Al Jazeera
2. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to newspapers for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as the Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff. The estimated cost for 2011–12 is \$137,500 (ex-GST). Cost this financial year to date (6 March 2012) is \$56,290 (ex-GST).
3. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to print and electronic magazines (serials) for use by Senators and Members and their staff, and to support the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff. The estimated cost for 2011–12 is \$1,070,000 (ex-GST).
4. The cost for this financial year to date is \$796,000 (ex-GST).