

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media Subscriptions**

Question: **101**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 April 2013

- a. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- b. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- c. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
 - Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
 - What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Answer

- a) The following pay TV channels are provided free of charge to DPS for distribution throughout Parliament House:

- SKY Business Channel
- SKY News
- CNN International
- BBC World
- CNBC Australia
- Al Jazeera
- A-PAC
- Bloomberg
- Fox Sports 1, 2 and 3
- Fox News
- Fox Weather

The programs provide Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, their staff and staff of parliamentary departments with access to the content of publicly broadcast TV, current affairs programs, documentaries and other programs of interest that relate to their parliamentary and representational duties.

- b) The Parliamentary Library subscribes to hardcopy regional, national and overseas newspapers for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.

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Regional newspapers

Norfolk Islander
Geelong Advertiser
Barrier Daily Truth
Border Mail
Goulburn Post
Herald - Newcastle
Maitland Mercury
Northern Star
Cairns Post
Chronicle Toowoomba
Gold Coast Bulletin

Sunshine Coast Daily
Townsville Bulletin
Yorke Peninsula Country Times
Advocate - Burnie
Examiner - Launceston
Bendigo Advertiser
Northern Times
Spectator - Hamilton
Sunraysia daily
Wimmera Mail Times
The Kalgoorlie Miner

Overseas newspapers

Bangkok Post
Fiji Times
Financial Times (Asia ed)
Guardian Daily

Nikkei Weekly
Straits Times
Papua New Guinea Post Courier
Jakarta Post

National newspapers

Canberra Times (including Saturday & Sunday editions)
Sydney Morning Herald (including weekend edition)
The Age (including Saturday and Sunday editions)
The Australian (including weekend edition)
Australian Financial Review (including weekend edition)

Online newspapers are also available through Factiva, Library Press Display and ANZ Newsstand.

As at 31 December 2012, the Library had spent \$39,896 this financial year on newspaper subscriptions (International \$1,220 and Australian \$38,676); and DPS had expended a further \$2,083.

- c) The Parliamentary Library subscribes to 2964 print and 22,834 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. These titles are listed in the Library's catalogue; it is not practicable to include a full list of these titles here.

Additionally, DPS work areas sometime require magazine subscriptions to assist with their operational activities (eg technical manuals). These resources are classified as working tools and, although managed by the Parliamentary Library, are paid by the user areas.

Magazines/journals for the Parliamentary Library collections are purchased by annual subscription. As at 31 December 2012, the Library had spent \$642,676 this financial year on such subscriptions; and DPS had expended a further \$3,693.