

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. 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?

2. 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?

3. 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:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) subscribes to pay TV to facilitate access to parliamentary channels. In addition, the pay TV provider Foxtel provides a facility for access to breaking news/current affairs items that may have some relevance to the Australian Public Service Commission's (APSC) business activities. The cost for this financial year to date is \$2,153 exclusive of GST.

Over time the pay TV provider Foxtel has changed its business channel access offering which has resulted in the APSC having different channel access arrangements in its offices. The channels in all offices are: BBC World, CNN, Sky News, OHPAC, the Weather Channel, Fox News and Bloomberg Television.

2.& 3.

Access to national daily newspapers and magazines is a means by which the APSC stays informed of activities and trends both internationally and nationally in its areas of responsibility and interests.

Subscriptions to newspapers have been reduced and only provided to the Executive area as a saving measure. Subscriptions to newspapers are Canberra Times, Financial Review,

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Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian. Subscriptions to magazines and journals are detailed below.

American Review of Public Administration	International Public Management	Public Administration Today (ACT)
AsiaPacific J of HR	International Review of Admin Sciences	Public Integrity (US)
Australian J of Public Administration	Living Ethics (AUST)	Public Performance & Management Review (US)
BRW	McKinsey Quarterly	Public Sector Review
Economist	Management Today (AUST)	Review of Public Personnel Administration (US)
Evaluation J of Australasia	PA Times	T+D Training & Development (US)
Harvard Business Review	Public Administration Quarterly	Training and Development in Australia
HC (Human Capital)	Public Administration Review (PAR) (US)	
HR Magazine (US)		
HR Monthly (AUST)		

The subscription costs for newspapers and magazines are not separately recorded. The total cost for this financial year to date is \$1,564 exclusive of GST.