

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2011
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator: FIFIELD

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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.
2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.

Answer:

1. Yes, TransACT (Government House) and Foxtel (Admiralty House). To keep abreast of local and international news and current affairs. The annual cost of these services is approximately \$6,000. Channels are Sky News, Sky News Business, BBC World, Bloomberg, CCTV9, Channel News Asia, CNN, SBS World News, Parliamentary Committees, Senate, and House of Representatives.

2. Yes. To monitor news and current affairs and for honours and awards research purposes. The annual cost of these subscriptions is approximately \$11,000. Subscriptions have recently been rationalised to achieve further savings.

Paper	Subscription
Canberra Times	weekly
The Australian	weekly
Sydney Morning Herald	weekly
Telegraph	weekly
Financial Review	weekly
Melbourne Age	weekly
Melbourne Herald Sun	weekly
Brisbane Courier Mail	weekly
Adelaide Advertiser	weekly
West Australian	weekly
Hobart Mercury	weekly
NT News	weekly

3. Yes, to monitor local and international news and current affairs, for guest list research, for honours and awards research purposes and for background in speechwriting. The annual cost of these subscriptions is approximately \$12,000.

Magazine/Journal	Subscription
Who's Who in Business in Australia	Annual
Who's Who in Australian Women	Annual
The National Guide to Government	Annual
The Australian Local Government Guide	Annual
Directory of Australian Associations	Annual
Who's Who in Australia	Annual
Margaret Gee's Media Guide	Annual
Australian Celebrity Contact Book	Annual
The Economist England	Annual
Choice Magazine	Annual
The New Yorker	Annual
The Australian Book Review	Annual
*The Atlantic	Annual
The Quarterly Essay	Annual
*The London Book Review	Annual
*The Paris Review	Annual
History Today	Annual
The Guardian Weekly	Annual
Limelight	Annual
New Scientist	Annual

*** subscriptions have recently been discontinued for operational reasons.**