

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F114

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 6 July 2012

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Question:

- a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
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- c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?
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Answer:

- a) Yes.
 - i. Finance occupied one new site in February 2012. The equipment required for the site cost \$450 (including GST) and the nine additional outlets cost \$161.80 per month (including GST).

The channels provided are as reported in the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012). These are:

BBC World
Bloomberg TV
CNN

CNBC
Fox News Channel
Sky News Australia

ii. Year to date expenditure (as at 17 May 2012) is \$31,296.85 (GST inclusive).

b) - c) Yes.

i. Due to staff making greater use of online resources. This constitutes a cost saving of approximately \$563. Finance has reduced its newspaper subscriptions of The Age, The Australian Financial Review and the Harvard Business Review. Subscriptions to PC User and Australian Personal Computer have been added since February 2012.

iii. The aggregate figure for expenditure on newspaper and magazine subscriptions FYTD (to 30 April 2012) is \$109,191.

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Answer:

- a) No.
 - i. N/A
 - ii. \$7,229.

b) & c)

The AEC's chart of accounts does not provide the level of detail necessary to provide this detailed cost information.

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Answer:

- a) No. ComSuper does not subscribe to pay TV.
 - i. N/A
 - ii. Nil.

- b) No.
 - i. N/A
 - ii. The cost for this financial year to date is \$5,304.

- c) No.
 - i. N/A
 - ii. The cost for this financial year to date is \$1,381.

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Answer:

In respect of public monies:

- a) No.

- b) No.
 - i. N/A.
 - ii. The cost for this financial year to date is \$760.

- c) No.
 - i. N/A.
 - ii. The cost for this financial year to date is \$2,172.

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Answer:

- a) No
 - i. N/A.
 - ii. None.

- b) No
 - i. N/A.
 - ii. \$5,401.

- c) No
 - i. N/A.
 - ii. None.