

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2012  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Senate  
**Topic:** Media Subscriptions

**Senator:** Senator Ryan  
**Question reference number:** 26  
**Type of Question:** Written

**Question**

1. a. **Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?**
  - b. **If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.**
  - c. **What is the cost for this financial year to date?**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

**Question**

2. a. **Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?**
  - b. **If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.**
  - c. **What is the cost for this financial year to date?**

**Answer**

- a. No
- b. Not applicable
- c. \$85,373.34 ( The cost of newspapers and magazines is recorded on an aggregated basis)

Note that from 1 July newspapers will no longer be provided to departmental staff.

**Question**

3. a. **Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?**
  - b. **If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.**
  - c. **What is the cost for this financial year to date?**

**Answer**

- a. Yes
- b. 1 Magazine (WA Farm Weekly) has been discontinued
- c. The cost of newspapers and magazines is recorded on an aggregated basis

Note that from 1 July, magazines will no longer be purchased for departmental staff and existing subscriptions will not be renewed.