

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM130**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Type of Question: Written**

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- a) **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.**
- b) **Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.**
- c) **Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.**

**Answer:**

The response only refers to information relating to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and covers the period 01 July 2010 to 18 October 2010. All cost information is from the Department's financial management system. Newspaper and Magazine costs are reported against the same general ledger item therefore year to date costs are combined in the response to part b). To separate these figures would place an unnecessary burden on the Department.

- a) The Department does have a pay TV subscription with Foxtel. Through the subscription, the Department transmits access to news channels. The Department provides the service to support departmental officers in the

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execution of their advisory role. The year to date cost is \$4,153.69. The channels subscribed to are: Sky News, CNN and BBC World News.

b) The Department does subscribe to a variety of international, national and regional newspapers. The Department provides the newspapers to support departmental officers in the execution of their advisory role. The year to date costs for subscriptions for newspapers and magazines is \$36,412.47. The newspapers subscribed to are:

- Northern Territory News
- The Adelaide Advertiser
- The Age
- The Australia
- The Australian Financial Review
- The Canberra Times
- The Courier Mail
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Financial Times
- The Financial Times Saturday
- The Herald Sun
- The Herald Tribune
- The Koori Mail
- The Land
- The Mercury
- The Weekly Times
- The West Australian

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c) The Department does subscribe to a variety of local and international journals and magazines. The subscriptions provide access to in-depth articles and academic review of issues relevant to the execution of departmental officers' advisory role. The year to date cost is included in the response to part b). The magazine and journal subscriptions are regularly reviewed to ensure ongoing relevance; the current subscriptions are:

- Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker
- Alternative Law Journal
- American Review
- AQ, Australian Quarterly
- Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health
- Australian Bulletin of Labour
- Australian Defence Business Review (+Australian Defence Journal )
  
- Australian Journal of Human Rights
- Australian Journal of International Affairs
- Australian Journal of Labour Economics
- Australian Journal of Political Science
- Australian Journal of Public Administration
- Australian Security Magazine
- Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Business Review Weekly : BRW
- Canadian Journal of Political Science
- Canadian Public Administration
- Centre for Independent studies
- East Asia Forum
- Economic Analysis and Policy
- Environmental and Planning Law Journal
- Farm Policy Journal

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- Foreign Affairs
- Foreign Policy
- Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions
- Government Notice Gazette
- Griffith Review Subscription
- Harvard Business Review
- Health Affairs
- Indigenous Law Bulletin
- Inside Canberra
- Intelligence and National Security
- International Affairs
- International Security
- Investment Monitor
- Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory
- Labour & Industry
- McKinsey Quarterly Premium Edition
- New Matilda
- New Scientist (Australasian ed.)
- New Statesman
- OECD Observer
- People and Place
- Policy : a journal of public policy and ideas
- Public Administration : An International Quarterly
- Public Administration Review
- Public Policy
- Public Policy Research
- Public Sector : The Publication of the New Zealand Institute
- Quadrant

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- Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin - (Bulletin - RBA)
- Security Challenges
- Social Alternatives
- Superfunds
- The Academy of Management Journal
- The American Economic Review
- The American Interest
- The Australian Economic Review
- The Australian Journal of Politics and History
- The Australian Journal of Social Issues
- The Australian Law Journal
- The Economic Journal
- The Economist
- The Journal of Australian Political Economy
- The Journal of Economic Literature (Part of American Economic Review sub)
- The Journal of Economic Perspectives (Part of American Economic Review sub)
- The Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- The Journal of Industrial Relations
- The Monthly : Australian Politics, Society & Culture
- The Political Quarterly
- The Sydney Papers
- Time Australia
- World Economic Outlook