

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS**

**PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO**

**Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

**Outcome: 1**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Senator: ABETZ**

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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

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**Answer:**

- a) The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government subscribes to Foxtel in order to access parliamentary, news and business channels. The cost is \$150 per month.
- b) Regional Australia subscribes to the following newspapers:
  - Australian Financial Review
  - Sydney Morning Herald
  - The Australian
  - The Canberra Times
  - The Daily Telegraph
  - The Age

These papers enable staff to keep abreast of a range of current and emerging domestic and international issues. Cost of these subscriptions since the department was established is approximately \$450.00.

- c) The department subscribes to the Economist magazine to enable staff to keep abreast of a issues potentially impacting on the portfolio. The cost is approximately \$50.00 per month.