

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-12

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator: RYAN

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Question:

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.
 - What was the cost for 2010-11?
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

2. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
 - What was the cost for 2010-11?
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

3. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines?
 - If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
 - What was the cost for 2010-11?
 - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?

Answer:

1. Yes, TransACT (Government) and Foxtel (Admiralty House). To keep abreast of local and international news and current affairs. The 2010-11 cost of these services was \$6,232. 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. Estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$6,007.

2. Yes. To monitor news and current affairs and for honours and awards research purposes. The cost of these subscriptions in 2010-11 was \$11,931. Subscriptions have recently been rationalised to achieve further savings. The estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$9,567.

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 cost of these subscriptions in 2010-11 was \$10,569. In 2011-12 the cost is estimated to be \$8,475.

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 Quarterly Essay	Annual
History Today	Annual
The Guardian Weekly	Annual
Limelight	Annual
New Scientist	Annual