

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question: 170

Topic: Media Subscriptions - Newspapers

Asked By: Senator RYAN

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

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- i. To keep abreast of current affairs and issues at the national, state and local community level.

Subscriptions:

- The Australian;
- The Sydney Morning Herald;
- The Canberra Times;
- The Financial Review;
- The Age;
- The Telegraph;
- The Herald Sun;

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- The Islander (Christmas Island);
 - Newcastle Herald;
 - Illawarra Mercury;
 - The Advocate (Burnie);
 - The Examiner (Launceston);
 - The Mercury (Hobart);
 - The Tasmanian Country;
 - The Bendigo Advisor; and
 - The Weekly Advisor (Bendigo).
- ii. The cost of newspapers for the period 1 October 2010 – 30 June 2011 was \$16,086.44.
- b) The estimated cost for newspapers for 2011-12 is approximately \$27,078.41.