

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Media subscriptions

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F89

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 30 November 2012

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Question:

a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)

- i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
- ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

b) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)

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c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)

- i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
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d) What was the 2011-12 cost for:

- i. TV subscriptions
- ii. Newspaper subscriptions
- iii. Magazine subscriptions

e) Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.

Answer:

- a) No.
- i. N/A.
 - ii. Year to date (30 September 2012) \$9,158 (GST inclusive).
- b)–c) Yes.
- i. A subscription to the Saturday Canberra Times and Financial Review have been added since 2012-13 Budget Estimates. The Department has reduced the number of subscriptions to the following newspapers: the Australian Financial Review, The Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Daily Telegraph, The Canberra Times and The Land, due to a consolidation of papers and staff making greater use of online subscriptions. One subscription each to the Business Review Weekly and Glass’s Commercial Vehicle Guide have been cancelled due to a consolidation of magazines. Finance no longer receives the Constitutional Law and Policy Review.
 - ii. The aggregate figure for expenditure on newspaper and magazine subscriptions year to date (30 September 2012) was \$29,908.
- d)
- i. \$34,615.
 - ii. – iii. The aggregate figure for expenditure on newspaper and magazine subscriptions for 2011–12 was \$123,172.
- e) Yes.

Minister for Finance and Deregulation	
Financial Times (UK) Online	Daily Telegraph
Australian Financial Review Online	The Economist
The Australian Online	Weekend Australian
The Advertiser	Melbourne Herald Sun
The Age	Sunday Mail
The Australian	Weekend Advertiser
The Canberra Times	Weekly Times
Sydney Morning Herald	
2011-12	\$8,906 (GST exclusive)
FY to 30 September 2012	\$2,051 (GST exclusive)

Special Minister of State	
The Australian Online	Daily Telegraph
The Canberra Times	West Australian
The Melbourne Age	Weekend West Australian
Australian Financial Review	WA Business News
Melbourne Herald Sun	Weekend Australian
Sydney Morning Herald	Sun Herald
The Australian	Sunday Times
2011-12	\$8,185 * (GST exclusive)
FY to 30 September 2012	\$2,243 * (GST exclusive)

*Costs for the Special Minister of State are split 90/10 between Finance and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This is the total cost for both departments.

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Answer:

- a) No.
- i. N/A.
 - ii. Nil.
- b) - c) The AEC's chart of accounts does not provide the level of detail necessary to provide this detailed cost information.

- d) For 2011-12
 - i. \$7,229
 - ii. Refer to the response for b)
 - iii. Refer to the response for c)

- e) No

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Department/Agency: ComSuper
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Answer:

- a) No.
- i. N/A.
 - ii. Nil.

b) -c) No.

i. No.

ii. For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, ComSuper has spent \$2,179 on newspapers and magazines.

d) For 2011-12

i. \$0 for pay TV subscriptions.

ii.-iii. The aggregate figure for expenditure on newspaper and magazine subscriptions for 2011-12 was \$10,544.

e) No.

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Department/Agency: Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

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Answer:

a) No

i. N/A.

ii. For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, \$237.

b) c) No

i. N/A.

ii. For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation has spent \$27,675 on newspaper and magazine.

d) For 2011-12:

i. \$922

ii. iii. The aggregate figure for expenditure on newspaper and magazine subscriptions for 2011–12 was \$81,518.

e) No.

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Answer:

- a) Yes
 - i. The Future Fund Management Agency operates in the financial markets and it was decided to subscribe to Foxtel to gain access to the business and news channels of the Foxtel Business Premium package.
 - ii. For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, \$477.
- b) c) No.
 - i. N/A.
 - ii. For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, \$1,064.
- d) For 2011-12
 - i. \$273
 - ii. iii. The aggregate figure for expenditure on newspaper and magazine subscriptions for 2011–12 was \$7,765.
- e) No.