

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Media Subscriptions**  
Question: **143**  
Hansard reference **F&PA p.38, 15 October 2012**

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

- 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)
  - i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
  - ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- 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.
  - ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
- 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) There have been no changes to pay TV channels provided at Parliament House since the 2012–13 Budget Estimates (May 2012).
  - i. Not applicable.
  - ii. There is no cost to DPS for this service.
- b) No.
  - i. Not applicable.
  - ii. As of 30 September 2012, the Library has spent \$20,287 on newspaper subscriptions (International \$1,220 and Australian \$19,067); and the department has expended a further \$2,083.
- c) Yes.
  - i. In this financial year to 30 September 2012, the following new titles have been procured at a cost of \$515. These are to fill gaps in subject coverage in the Library's collection.
    - Reputex News and Research Insights
    - Aged Care Incite

Additionally, the Parliamentary Library subscriptions to the following magazines were cancelled (for cost and relevance reasons) at the expiration of their current subscription—at a saving of \$11,826.

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- Green: The Australian Greens magazine
- TURNING THE TIDE
- Government Finance Statistics Yearbook
- Integrated Regional Database
- National Accounts of OECD Countries
- OECD STAN Database for Industrial Analysis
- AUSTRALIAN SECURITY MAGAZINE
- Studies in Languages and Cultures of East Timor
- Australian Journal of Adult Learning
- People and Place
- Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital journal
- Datamonitor360
- Journals of the House of Commons of Canada

ii. Magazines for the Parliamentary Library collections are purchased by annual subscriptions. As of 30 September 2012, the Library had spent \$544,926 on magazine subscriptions (print and electronic).

d) 2011–12 costs:

i. TV subscriptions—Nil.

ii. Total cost of newspapers purchased was \$121,707, of which \$114,730 was for the Parliamentary Library collection.

iii. The 2011–12 cost for magazines subscriptions (print and electronic) purchased by the Parliamentary Library was \$1,389,913.

e) Not applicable.