

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Questions

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

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

Answer

Not Applicable.

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

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

Answer

Yes, Newspaper subscriptions have reduced since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates with the implementation of savings measures that resulted in the number of newspapers being provided to office holders and the department being reduced.

This change resulted in savings of approximately \$23,000 annually.

The newspapers reduced were:

The Canberra Times (including weekends)

The Australian (including weekends)

The Sydney Morning Herald (including Saturday)

The Age (including weekends)

The Financial Review (including Saturday)

The Daily Telegraph (including weekends)

The Melbourne Sun (including weekends)

The Sun Herald (including weekends)

The Mercury

The Land

The cost for this financial year to date is \$12,430 (as at 31/10/12)

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

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

Answer

Magazine subscriptions have been reduced since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates with the implementation of savings measures that resulted in the provision of news and current affair magazines to the department being phased out.

This change resulted in savings of approximately \$280 annually.

The magazines reduced were:

Time Magazine

In addition, a subscription to *The Monthly* will cease when the current subscription term expires at the end of 2012.

The cost of newspapers and magazines is recorded on an aggregated basis.

4. What was the 2011-12 cost for:

- **TV subscriptions**
- **Newspaper subscriptions**
- **Magazine subscriptions**

Answer

TV subscriptions: not applicable.

Newspaper and magazine subscriptions: **\$83,802** (recorded on an aggregated basis).

5. 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

Yes, the department provides the President of the Senate with *Capital Magazine*.

The year to date cost for 2012-13 is **\$16** (as at 31/10/12), and for 2011-12 **\$48**.