

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2012**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Question reference number:** PM113

**Type of Question:** Written

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

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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?

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?

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?

What was the 2011-12 cost for:

- TV subscriptions
- Newspaper subscriptions
- Magazine subscriptions

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:**

No  
\$899.10

No  
\$1,346.71

Yes, new subscription to *The Monthly*, to monitor local and international news and current affairs and for background in speechwriting.

\$673.27

\$3,596.40

\$7,653.78

\$2,335.25

No