

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(AE12/0108) Program: Internal Product: Media Subscriptions**

Senator Humphries asked:

Media Subscriptions: Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? What is the cost for this financial year to date?

*Answer:*

#### DIAC:

The department subscribes to newspapers in order to support the wider monitoring of policy developments and public affairs than what is supported through the (portfolio specific) media monitors service. Newspapers are purchased to ensure DIAC employees are kept abreast of current domestic and international affairs in order to monitor and support evidence-based decision and policy-making.

Newspapers include:

- The Australian
- Canberra Times
- Daily Telegraph
- Financial Review
- Sydney Morning Herald.

The estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$44 129.

The cost of newspaper subscriptions for the financial year to date (as at 31 January 2012) is \$25 163.

#### MRT-RRT:

The Migration Review Tribunal-Refugee Review Tribunal subscribes to newspapers in order to support evidence based decision making and policy making.

The list of newspapers the MRT-RRT subscribes to are:

- Age
- The Australian
- Guardian Weekly
- Herald-Sun
- Sydney Morning Herald.

The estimated cost for 2011-12 is \$1776.

The cost of newspaper subscriptions for the financial year to date (as at 31 January 2012) is \$2786.