

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Program SPCG

Question No. 101

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

- a. Does the portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
- b. Does the portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
- c. Does the portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

a-c. Subscriptions of this kind are a matter for specific work areas to determine, in accordance with relevant policies and guidelines. The information in question is therefore spread across the Department and the various portfolio agencies, as well as units and in some cases individuals within those agencies, depending on particular business requirements. To extract, analyse and consolidate the data from each separate record would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.