

Department of Finance

Response to Question on Notice

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ABORIGINAL FLAG

Inquiry into current and former copyright and licensing arrangements for the Aboriginal flag design

Written Question on Notice 1 (Senator McCarthy)

Please provide, as separate totals, the number of Australian flags, Torres Strait Islander flags and Aboriginal flags provided to and distributed by senators and members for each of the last five financial years.

Written Question on Notice 2 (Senator McCarthy)

For each of the last five financial years, what was the:

- a. individual cost (per unit) to the Commonwealth government for each Australian flag, Torres Strait Islander flag and Aboriginal flag distributed by senators and members?
- b. total cost to the Commonwealth government each year for Australian flags, Torres Strait Islander flags and Aboriginal flags distributed by senators and members?

Response

1-2. Please see Attachment A which shows the number, type and cost of flags purchased by senators and members from the supplier. Finance does not have any records of what proportion of flags have been distributed.

ATTACHMENT A

	Total	Units	Avg. cost
2015-16	\$755,609.55	66,535	\$11.36
Aboriginal	\$207,355.93	12,853	\$16.13
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$16,976.72	78	\$217.65
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$153,582.29	1,632	\$94.11
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ XL 3600 X 1800MM	\$335.29	1	\$335.29
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$19,906.10	376	\$52.94
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$6,829.48	129	\$52.94
FLAG DESK ABORIGINAL 300X150MM	\$2,102.39	193	\$10.89
FLAG DESK ABORIGINAL 300X150MM	\$959.99	65	\$14.77
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL CLOTH 300 X 150MM	\$1,202.50	359	\$3.35
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL PAPER 300 X 150MM	\$1,060.69	950	\$1.12
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$4,400.48	9,070	\$0.48
Australian	\$490,071.55	48,768	\$ 10.05
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER 2740X1370MM AA32HF #2MPSCLAYDS	\$206.24	1	\$206.24
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$37,620.00	330	\$114.00
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$84,452.92	2,008	\$42.06
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$327,347.85	7,147	\$45.80
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ X L 3600 X 1800MM	\$11,600.10	64	\$181.25
FLAG DESK AUSTRALIAN 300X150MM	\$7,558.33	767	\$9.85
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN CLOTH 300 X 150MM	\$3,416.32	1,038	\$3.29
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN PAPER 300 X 150MM	\$1,431.04	2,200	\$0.65
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$16,438.75	35,213	\$0.47
Torres Strait	\$58,182.07	4,914	\$11.84
FLAG DESK TORRES ST 300X150MM	\$1,251.49	127	\$9.85
FLAG DESK TORRES ST 300X150MM	\$512.43	52	\$9.85
FLAG HAND TORRES ST CLOTH 300X150MM	\$740.23	194	\$3.82
FLAG HAND TORRES ST PAPER 300X150MM	\$46.60	50	\$0.93
FLAG HAND TORRES ST PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$1,805.12	3,385	\$0.53
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$1,380.00	12	\$115.00
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$10,870.91	255	\$42.63
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$40,915.29	837	\$48.88
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ XL 3600 X 1800MM	\$660.00	2	\$330.00

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2016-17	\$1,490,192.93	88,653	\$16.81
Aboriginal	\$484,801.94	16,682	\$29.06
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$19,806.16	91	\$217.65
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$394,777.80	4,195	\$94.11
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ XL 3600 X 1800MM	\$3,688.20	11	\$335.29
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$52,412.37	990	\$52.94
FLAG DESK ABORIGINAL 300X150MM	\$7,026.10	645	\$10.89
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL CLOTH 300 X 150MM	\$1,323.10	395	\$3.35
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL PAPER 300 X 150MM	\$1,311.91	1,175	\$1.12
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$4,456.30	9,180	\$0.49
Australian	\$867,371.14	63,996	\$13.55
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG KNITTED 500X 250MM A30HF #4MPSVASTA	\$291.26	10	\$29.13
FLAG AUSTRALIAN 2200X1100MM LEFT SIDE WHITE CANVAS SLEEVE TO SUIT POLE 32MM #6MPSPMSWA	\$19,445.94	138	\$140.91
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$91,656.00	804	\$114.00
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$153,470.43	3,649	\$42.06
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$549,074.98	11,987	\$45.81
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ X L 3600 X 1800MM	\$15,406.40	85	\$181.25
FLAG DESK AUSTRALIAN 300X150MM	\$9,952.89	1,010	\$9.85
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN CLOTH 300 X 150MM	\$6,483.76	1,970	\$3.29
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN PAPER 300 X 150MM	\$2,250.66	3,460	\$0.65
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$19,047.56	40,873	\$0.47
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER 500 X 250MM #4MPSVASTA	\$291.26	10	\$29.13
Torres Strait	\$138,019.85	7,975	\$17.31
FLAG DESK TORRES ST 300X150MM	\$3,586.96	364	\$9.85
FLAG HAND TORRES ST CLOTH 300X150MM	\$724.97	190	\$3.82
FLAG HAND TORRES ST PAPER 300X150MM	\$335.53	360	\$0.93
FLAG HAND TORRES ST PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$2,333.51	4,370	\$0.53
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$4,025.00	35	\$115.00
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$23,063.38	541	\$42.63
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$103,290.50	2,113	\$48.88
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ XL 3600 X 1800MM	\$660.00	2	\$330.00

	Total	Units	Avg. cost
2017-18	\$1,225,494.67	26,752	\$45.81
Aboriginal	\$456,177.40	7,302	\$62.47
ABORIGINAL DESK FLAG	\$5,640.72	456	\$12.37
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER EXTRA LARGE	\$3,988.53	13	\$306.81
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LARGE	\$12,406.20	60	\$206.77
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SMALL	\$70,154.37	1,287	\$54.51
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STANDARD	\$271,293.75	2,925	\$92.75
ABORIGINAL FLAG WOVEN (STANDARD)	\$1,878.50	17	\$110.50
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$870.60	4	\$217.65
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$71,615.24	761	\$94.11
FLAG ABORIGINAL KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$16,676.65	315	\$52.94
FLAG DESK ABORIGINAL 300X150MM	\$479.29	44	\$10.89
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL CLOTH 300 X 150MM	\$418.69	125	\$3.35
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL PAPER 300 X 150MM	\$223.30	200	\$1.12
FLAG HAND ABORIGINAL PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$531.56	1,095	\$0.49
Australian	\$639,414.12	16,023	\$39.91
AUSTRALIAN DESK FLAG	\$7,609.48	677	\$11.24
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER EXTRA LARGE	\$8,586.76	52	\$165.13
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LARGE	\$46,695.80	415	\$112.52
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SMALL	\$90,900.73	1,993	\$45.61
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STANDARD	\$334,502.08	6,413	\$52.16
AUSTRALIAN FLAG WOVEN (STANDARD)	\$374.52	4	\$93.63
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$25,992.00	228	\$114.00
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$27,842.55	662	\$42.06
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$90,512.44	1,976	\$45.81
FLAG AUSTRALIAN KNITTED SZ X L 3600 X 1800MM	\$1,268.76	7	\$181.25
FLAG DESK AUSTRALIAN 300X150MM	\$1,478.12	150	\$9.85
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN CLOTH 300 X 150MM	\$575.96	175	\$3.29
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN PAPER 300 X 150MM	\$487.87	750	\$0.65
FLAG HAND AUSTRALIAN PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$1,174.35	2,520	\$0.47
MINPAR AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG CUSTOM SIZE	\$1,412.70	1	\$1,412.70
Torres Strait	\$129,903.15	3,427	\$37.91
FLAG DESK TORRES ST 300X150MM	\$758.77	77	\$9.85
FLAG HAND TORRES ST CLOTH 300X150MM	\$362.48	95	\$3.82

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FLAG HAND TORRES ST PLASTIC 275 X 150MM	\$240.30	450	\$0.53
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ L 2400 X 1200MM	\$345.00	3	\$115.00
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ SM 1370 X 685MM	\$7,758.85	182	\$42.63
FLAG TORRES ST KNITTED SZ ST 1830X 915MM	\$20,433.24	418	\$48.88
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESK FLAG	\$3,754.16	334	\$11.24
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LGE	\$3,038.04	27	\$112.52
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SML	\$21,391.09	469	\$45.61
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STD	\$71,459.20	1,370	\$52.16
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER XL	\$362.02	2	\$181.01
2018-19	\$1,243,491.64	22,138	\$56.17
Aboriginal	\$412,437.20	5,267	\$78.31
ABORIGINAL DESK FLAG	\$5,973.97	478	\$12.51
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER EXTRA LARGE	\$2,165.87	7	\$309.09
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LARGE	\$12,434.72	59	\$210.75
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SMALL	\$71,307.64	1,299	\$54.82
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STANDARD	\$316,242.50	3,385	\$93.25
ABORIGINAL FLAG WOVEN (STANDARD)	\$4,312.50	39	\$110.63
Australian	\$698,269.98	13,991	\$49.91
AUSTRALIAN DESK FLAG	\$13,522.72	1,176	\$11.48
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER EXTRA LARGE	\$10,622.55	64	\$165.67
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LARGE	\$46,649.26	413	\$112.98
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SMALL	\$160,187.10	3,507	\$45.67
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STANDARD	\$463,464.72	8,809	\$52.51
AUSTRALIAN FLAG WOVEN (STANDARD)	\$1,973.63	21	\$93.88
AUSTRALIAN FLAG WOVEN 4570 X 2285MM EACH	\$1,850.00	1	\$1,850.00
Torres Strait	\$132,704.46	2,878	\$46.11
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESK FLAG	\$4,761.52	410	\$11.55
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LGE	\$3,493.40	31	\$112.60
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SML	\$26,932.54	589	\$45.70
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STD	\$96,602.96	1,843	\$52.34
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER XL	\$914.04	5	\$182.81

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Set	\$ 80.00	2	\$40.00
AUS/TSI/ABORIG DESK FLAGS WITH BASE SET	\$ 80.00	2	\$40.00
2019-20	\$1,878,090.00	30,785	\$61.01
Aboriginal	\$666,188.00	7,984	\$83.44
ABORIGINAL DESK FLAG	\$4,966.00	382	\$13.00
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER EXTRA LARGE	\$1,300.00	4	\$325.00
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LARGE	\$22,351.00	103	\$217.00
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SMALL	\$113,512.00	2,027	\$56.00
ABORIGINAL FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STANDARD	\$491,435.00	5,173	\$95.00
ABORIGINAL FLAG POLYESTER 1800X900MM EACH	\$3,168.00	32	\$99.00
ABORIGINAL FLAG WOVEN (STANDARD)	\$29,456.00	263	\$112.00
Australian	\$998,872.00	18,568	\$53.80
AUSTRALIAN DESK FLAG	\$10,868.00	836	\$13.00
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER EXTRA LARGE	\$13,527.00	81	\$167.00
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LARGE	\$64,745.00	563	\$115.00
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SMALL	\$220,800.00	4,800	\$46.00
AUSTRALIAN FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STANDARD	\$628,830.00	11,645	\$54.00
AUSTRALIAN FLAG POLYESTER 1800X900MM EACH	\$6,052.00	68	\$89.00
AUSTRALIAN FLAG WOVEN (STANDARD)	\$54,050.00	575	\$94.00
Torres Strait	\$213,030.00	4,233	\$50.33
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESK FLAG	\$4,680.00	360	\$13.00
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER LGE	\$9,266.00	82	\$113.00
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER SML	\$47,196.00	1,026	\$46.00
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER STD	\$139,125.00	2,625	\$53.00
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG KNITTED POLYESTER XL	\$570.00	3	\$190.00
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POLYESTER FLAG 1800X900MM	\$12,193.00	137	\$89.00
Grand Total	\$6,592,878.79	234,863	\$28.07