

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Stationery requirements

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

- a) How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date?
 - 1) Detail the items provided to the minister's office.
 - 2) Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.
- b) How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date.
- c) Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.

Answer:

- a) Between 14 September 2015 and 11 February 2016, the total expenditure on government stationery requirements was \$9,934.71 (excluding GST).
 - 1) Items include general stores and stationery supplies such as paper, envelopes and pens. To provide a detailed list of all stationery would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
 - 2) Approximately 110 reams of paper have been provided.
- b) Between 14 September 2015 and 11 February 2016, orders to the value of \$1,603,347 (excluding GST) were processed for departmental stationery requirements.
- c) Between 14 September 2015 and 11 February 2016, customised stationery was provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff.

Business cards for the Minister valued at \$400 (excluding GST), business cards for the Minister's staff valued at \$1,629.75 (excluding GST), Christmas cards valued at \$2,229 (excluding GST), envelopes valued at \$509.22 (excluding GST) and With Compliments slips for the Minister valued at \$541.50 (excluding GST). To provide a more detailed breakdown and photo/scan of all stationery would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.