

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes      Question No: SQ16-000066**

**Topic: Merchandise or Promotional Material**

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**Senator Joe Ludwig** asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?
2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)
3. List the cost for each item
4. List the quantity of each item
5. Who suggested these material be created?
6. Who approved its creation?
7. Provide copies of authorisation
8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?
9. Who created the material?
10. How was that person selected?
11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

**Answer:**

1. From 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015 the Department purchased one promotional product.
2. 2016 Footprints in Time calendar. The calendar promotes the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children and is provided to participants as an incentive to complete the surveys.
3. \$3,355.00 (GST inclusive).
4. 3,000 copies.
5. Departmental staff.
6. Staff with appropriate spending and approval delegations.
7. Records of authorisation are stored electronically through the department's procurement systems.
8. The Minister was not informed.
9. CanPrint Communications Pty Ltd.
10. Print suppliers are selected from the Department of Human Services Multi-Use list. Competitive quoting processes are undertaken and suppliers selected in accordance with procurement guidelines.
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