

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: PRINTING COSTS

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
- b) How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?
- c) Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?
- d) How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
- e) How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Answer:

a) A total of \$3,370,989, was spent on printing in 2011-12. The majority of this is for printing documents.

b) and c)

Information is not readily available and to collect information regarding copies, delivery and cost would be a highly intensive process which the Department of Health and Ageing is not currently in a position to undertake. All publications printed are also published online.

d) A total of \$894,022, was spent on printing to 30 September 2012. The majority of this is for printing documents.

e) See b) and c) above.

The Department seeks to minimise the production of hard copies where possible in order to reduce expenditure, and is focused on providing online solutions where appropriate. However, the printing and tabling of certain documents including government and annual reports, responses to parliamentary committee reports, and ministerial statements is a legislative requirement.