

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Report Printing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the Department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of?

a) If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.

Answer:

1. The Department of Health follows the requirements under the Archives Act for the creation, sentencing and disposal of records. Business area records (including documents) are retained as physical objects, on file or electronically. Hard copies of all publications are registered with the National Library in accordance with the Copyright and Archives Act with electronic copies of publications published on the Department's intranet site.

a) The Department's systems do not allow for the requested information to be collected. To provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources which the department is not currently in a position to undertake.