

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 185(a)**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Stationery Requirements**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

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

1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date?
  - (a) Detail the items provided to the minister's office.
  - (b) Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.
2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date.
3. 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:**

From 14 September 2015 to 29 January 2016:

The Department's stationery expenses are recorded in an account that includes consumables, such as toner cartridges, kitchen supplies and the like. To attempt to provide data for stationery items only would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

1. The Department's expenses for stationery and other consumables, relating to Government (Minister/Parliamentary Secretaries) for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 were \$5,725 (GST exclusive).
2. The Department's expenses for stationery and other consumables for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 were \$57,188 (GST exclusive).
3. Please refer to the response to October 2015 Supplementary Budget Estimates Question on Notice number 24.