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Department/Agency: ABS

Question: 1080-1081

Topic: Report printing

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1080. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed?

a) How many of these printed documents were also published online?

1081. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs?

a) If so, what companies were used?

b) How were they selected?

c) What was the total cost of this printing by item?

Answer:

1080. 8,524 documents have been printed. There were a total of 72 embargoed ABS publications printed, with copies totalling 1, 903 from 1 January to 31 October 2015. All embargoed publications are available online from 11.30 am on the date of release.

There were a total of 52 non-embargoed other documents printed, with copies totalling 6, 621 from 1 January to 31 October 2015. 8 printed documents were published.

1081. Yes.

a)

- Abnotes Australasia Pty Ltd*
- Blue Star Group
- Blue Star Group Australia Pty Limited
- BPO Intelligence Pty*
- CanPrint Communications Pty Ltd
- Direct Mail & Marketing Pty Ltd*
- Entembeni Pty Ltd*
- Fuji Xerox Businessforce Pty Ltd
- Instant Colour Press*

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- Metropress*
- Po*
- Print Media Group
- Printbound*
- QDI Direct Press*
- Snap Brisbane*
- Snap Printing*
- Snap Printing Fyshwick*
- Valley Edge Design*

b)

All companies were selected in accordance with the value for money requirements as set down in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and where applicable the ABS CEI's. The companies used are from the printing and production multi-use list (MUL), under the collaborative procurement program for print and related services managed by the Department of Human Services.

In addition to this, the ABS Despatch and Collection Unit (DCU) in NSW has also established national print panel contract arrangements with companies off the MUL.

* Companies not on the MUL used for purchases under 10k (single quote, best value for money).

c)

The total reporting cost for the period 1 January to 31 October 2015 is \$3,066,407.17.

Please note increase in printing costs is largely due to preparation for 2016 Census forms.