

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

2016 - 2017

**Division/Agency:** Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Question No:** 39

**Topic:** 2016 Census – paper forms

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Ketter, Chris

**Question:**

- 1) How many census forms were printed?
- 2) How many were issued?
- 3) How many were returned/used?
- 4) What was the cost of printing and posting the forms?

**Answer:**

1. 15,438,743 forms including all household paper forms, personal paper forms, interviewer household forms and special short forms.
2. All forms were issued to mail houses, Census field staff and Census management offices for distribution as required. There is no record of precisely how many forms were issued to members of the public.
3. As at 16 November 2016, 4,374,756 paper forms were returned including all household paper forms, personal paper forms, interviewer household forms and special short forms.
4. Total form printing cost was \$5,168,026. As at 3 November 2016, total postage cost of Australia Post delivering and returning forms was \$10,809,946.