

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0515_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: merchandise or promotional material

Since 7 September 2013: 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested these material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

Answer

Since 7 September 2013 the Department of Education has not purchased any merchandise or promotional materials.

The following agencies have provided responses:

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

Nil.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)

Nil.

Tertiary Education Quality Standard Agency (TEQSA)

Nil.

Australian Research Council (ARC)

ARC produced 1,500 pens at a cost of \$2,111.90 and six corporate ties at a cost of \$572.00. Both items were branded with ARC logo for generic use. These items were requested and approved by Director of Stakeholder Relations and Executive General Manager.

The pens were produced by National Pen Promotional Products and the ties were produced by Ties n Cuffs. These companies were selected through a competitive product and pricing comparison process.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)

Response at **Attachment A**.