

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0531_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Printing

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? a. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. 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

The Department of Education response covers the period from 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014.

- 1) 40 documents were printed, with a print run total of 2,211,550 copies. 20 of these documents were also published online.
- 2) The Department of Education used the external printing services of:
 - a. Bluestar Print Group, Bytes n Colours, Canprint Communications and the Exhibition Centre.
 - b. These four companies were selected via a tender process conducted by the Department of Human Services, with which the department has a Memorandum of Understanding for printing services.
 - c. The total cost of printing was \$367,868.49 (GST inclusive).

The following agencies have provided responses:

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the ACARA has produced:

1. One document — ACARA 2013-14 Annual Report with a print run total of 530 copies which was also published online.
2. ACARA used the printing services of:
 - a. Paragon Printing
 - b. Selected through a request for quote process.
 - c. Total cost - \$6,133.60 (GST inclusive)

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

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the AIATSIS has produced:

1. Seven documents — Benchmarking Package (200 copies), Native Title Newsletter (400 copies), AIATSIS Annual Report (500 copies), AIATSIS Research Discussion Paper no. 35 (300 copies), Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title, vol. 6, no. 1 (300 copies), Warlpiri 4pp postcard (2,000) and Warlpiri poster (150 copies). All documents were published online.
2. AIATSIS used the printing services of:
 - a. Canprint (Benchmarking Package), Vividprint (Native Title Newsletter), Paragon (AIATSIS Annual Report), SOS Printing (AIATSIS Research Discussion Paper no. 35), SOS Printing (Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title, vol. 6, no. 1), Canprint (Warlpiri postcard and poster).
 - b. These companies were selected via a Request for Quote based on value for money, capacity to meet deadline and quality.
 - c. Seven documents — Benchmarking Package \$957 (GST inclusive), Native Title Newsletter \$944.47 (GST inclusive), AIATSIS Annual Report \$6,795 (GST inclusive), AIATSIS Research Discussion Paper no. 35 \$764.50 (GST inclusive), Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title, vol. 6, no. 1 \$363 (GST inclusive), Warlpiri 4pp postcard \$660 (GST inclusive) and Warlpiri poster \$176 (GST inclusive).

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the AITSL has produced:

1. Two documents — AITSL Annual Report (420 copies) and Insights Teacher Standards Evaluation Books (150 copies). Both were published online.
2. AITSL used the printing services of:
 - a. Bambra Press, Port Melbourne
 - b. In line with AITSL's Procurement Policy, identified as a local company with a record of providing excellent customer service, good products, timely delivery and value for money.
 - c. AITSL Annual Report - \$3,590.90 (GST inclusive) and Insights Teacher Standards Evaluation Books - \$1,359.60 (GST inclusive).

Australian Research Council (ARC)

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the ARC has produced:

1. Three documents — ARC Strategic Plan (400 copies), ARC Annual Report (500 copies), and ARC promotional brochure (500 copies). The ARC Strategic Plan and ARC Annual Report were also published online.
2. ARC used the printing services of:
 - a. Elect Printing (Annual Report and Strategic Plan), Walker Graphics Pty. Ltd. Trading as Voodoo (ARC promotional brochure).
 - b. Quotation process via graphic designer, Swell Graphics (Annual Report and Strategic Plan); competitive quotation (three quotations sought - ARC promotional brochure).

- c. ARC Strategic Plan - \$2,812.04 (GST inclusive), ARC Annual Report - nil, invoice not paid in this period, and ARC promotional brochure - \$1,257.99 (GST inclusive).

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the TEQSA has produced:

1. Two documents — the Risk Assessment Framework (RAF) (25 copies) and the TEQSA Annual report (500 copies). Both were published online.
2. TEQSA used the printing services of:
 - a. RAF, Whirlwind Print, BlueStar Print Group.
 - b. Limited tender for RAF; three quotes were obtained. Limited tender for TEQSA Annual Report; four quotes were obtained. Company was selected when weighed against value for money and location.
 - c. RAF \$300.86 (GST inclusive) and TEQSA Annual Report \$9,959.40 (GST inclusive).