

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Stationary and paper

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Question:

1. How much did the Department spend on stationary and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
3. What brand of paper does the Department use?
4. Is this paper Australian made?
5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?

Answer:

1. The Department spent \$1.2m (GST inclusive) on stationery and office supplies, including paper, between January to December 2016. The office requisites codes within the Department's Financial Management Information System do not distinguish between general office supplies and paper.
2. Refer answer to question one.
3. The procurement of paper is decentralised and officers may procure whichever brand represents the best value for money at that time from our contracted Whole of Government Stationery supplier, Complete Office Supplies.
4. This information is not captured.
5. Paper is currently procured in compliance with the principles of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.