

**Question:** 6  
**Topic:** Paper procurement  
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**Senator Wong asked:**

Can the Department of the Senate please confirm the dates on which paper assessment took place in the 2016-17 year?

In what months of the 2017-18 year will assessments take place?

**Answer:**

Paper assessments were completed in 2016-17 on 28 October 2016, (which was further updated on 21 November 2016 to assess two additional papers) and 28 March 2017.

The Department of Finance confirmed the Department of the Senate's compliance with Commonwealth procurement rules in relation to the procurement of paper during the May 2017 Senate Estimates Hearing (Finance and Public Administration Committee Hearing Thursday 25 May 2017 Hansard p.72).

The Department has not yet identified dates for its paper assessments in 2017-18 as the Department of Finance has advised that the Whole of Government stationery arrangement will be replaced in September 2017.