

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

TREASURY

Australian Taxation Office

(Budget Estimates 30 May 2006)

Question **BET158**
Topic: **TAXPACK - PAPER SOURCE**
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Senator **Sherry** asked:

—Let us take the *TaxPack*: where is the paper coming from?

Mr D’Ascenzo—We have information on that. Again, our contract is with the printer. The printer has gone to a tender process, and I understand that the majority of the paper is coming from an overseas source.

Senator SHERRY—Oh dear, look—

Mr D’Ascenzo—I think the Australian content is in the order of 16 per cent.

Senator SHERRY—Sixteen per cent; you are remarkably well informed, given it is a question about paper. What is the size of the contract, approximately?

Mr Konza—I would have to take that on notice. It is a printing contract, so there is the paper content but the bigger part is the actual—

Senator SHERRY—What is the printing contract, approximately?

Mr Konza—I do not know. I will have to take that on notice.

Senator SHERRY—Well, Mr D’Ascenzo is remarkably well informed. Sixteen per cent is Australian paper. Do we know what countries the foreign paper is coming from?

Mr D’Ascenzo—No, I have not got that information.

Senator SHERRY—Can you take it on notice?

.....**Senator SHERRY**—Can you give me some indication—and I will not hold you to the nearest million—of whether we are looking at tens of millions of dollars for the *TaxPack* contract?

Answer:

The Tax Office produces approximately 100 paper publications as part of the yearly tax time publishing cycle. TaxPack and associated publications along with other individuals’ referred and business related publications make up the Tax Time suite.

Paper used in the production of tax time 2006 publications was sourced from Korea, China and Australia. The paper origin and approximate tonnages are listed in the table below.

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| Paper type | Use | 2006 tonnage | Origin |
|--|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 45gsm newsprint | Instruction guides | 928 | Korea |
| 70gsm offset uncoated | Forms, schedules, instruction guides | 370 | China |
| 85gsm A2 coated | Covers | 86 | Australia |
| 115gsm A2 coated | Flyers | 19 | Australia |
| <i>Surplus stock purchased in 2005</i> | | | |
| 52gsm improved newsprint | Instruction guides | 96 | Australia/New Zealand |
| 70gsm offset uncoated | Forms, schedules, instruction guides | 28 | Australia |
| | Total | 1527 | |
| | Total imported component | 1298 | |
| | Total Australian component | 229 | |

The Tax Office has a contract in place for tax time 2006 printing and distribution which is valued at approximately \$8.53M GST inclusive. The printing component is approximately \$5.03M GST inclusive, while the distribution component is approximately \$3.5M GST inclusive