

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**TREASURY**

**Australian Taxation Office**

(Budget Estimates 30 May 2006)

**Question**                    **BET161**  
**Topic:**                        **CHOICE MATERIAL-PAPER SOURCE**  
**Hansard Page:**            **E109-110**

Senator **Sherry** asked:

— Let us take the Choice material that was produced. What paper was that printed on, Australian sourced or foreign sourced?

*Mr Konza—I certainly do not know. I do not know whether our superannuation line representative knows.*

**Senator SHERRY**—Could you take this on notice: could you look at your top 10 print jobs for this financial year and the last financial year, and provide me with an analysis of the paper that was used, the cost of the print job, the proportion of paper that was sourced from Australia, the proportion of the paper that was sourced from overseas and which countries overseas.

*Mr Konza—We may not know that data.*

**Senator SHERRY**—You could go to the printer, surely.

*Mr Konza—Yes, we could, but it depends on how many printers there are. There could be a great deal of work involved.*

**Senator SHERRY**—I have to say that Mr Evans, the Clerk of the Senate, was asked about this issue at the estimates for the Senate and he got back a letter to us—it was not to me; I did not ask about it—the next day, I think. The letter included details of the components of foreign paper and where it was sourced from.

*Mr D’Ascenzo—We will see what we can provide to you.*

**Answer:**

1. The Super Choice Campaign resulted in the production of the following products:-
  - *Choice of Superannuation Fund – Standard Choice Form (NAT13080) – printed using Australian paper stock.*
  - *Super Choice Booklet – printed using overseas paper stock.*
  - *Super Choice Booklet – printed in six different languages using overseas paper stock.*
2. Attached is a spreadsheet listing the top ten print jobs undertaken by the Tax Office over the last two financial years. The spreadsheet shows the cost of each job, the origin of the paper stock and a percentage breakdown of Australian and overseas paper.

## TOP 10 PRINTING JOBS – AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE

Form number	Product title	Quantity	Price <sup>1</sup> (incl GST) \$	Cover stock origin	Text <sup>2</sup> stock origin	Form <sup>3</sup> stock origin	Other stock origin	% Australian <sup>4</sup>	% Overseas <sup>4</sup>
<b>2005-06 Financial Year</b>									
3092	TFN Declaration	19,500,000	1,687,433				Japan & Germany		100.00
976	TaxPack 2006	3,200,000	1,342,000	Australia	Korea			2.86	97.14
46	PAYG Payment Summary	10,000,000	432,300				Germany		100.00
2677	TaxPack 2006 Supplement	1,150,000	335,500	Australia	Korea	Australia		15.00	85.00
2541	Tax Return for Individuals 2006	7,100,000	288,200			China			100.00
8417	Short Tax Return Instructions 2006	1,000,000	270,600	Australia	Korea			5.88	94.12
Various	Activity Statements	12,040,000	235,548		Australia			100.00	
Various	GST Rulings Update	8,073,000	224,350		Australia			100.00	
2031	Debt Collection Remittance Form Letter	10,000,000	175,020		Australia			100.00	
1908	Tax Basics for Small Business	200,000	164,109	Indonesia	Indonesia				100.00
<b>2004-05 Financial Year</b>									
976	TaxPack 2005	3,900,000	2,090,000	Australia	Aust/NZ			100.00 <sup>5</sup>	
4446	ATO Letterhead	56,000,000	845,294				Australia	100.00	
2677	TaxPack 2005 Supplement	1,254,000	480,700	Australia	Aust/NZ			100.00 <sup>5</sup>	
2541	Tax Return for Individuals 2005	8,450,000	431,200			Australia		100.00	
3092	TFN Declaration	24,500,000	399,600				Japan & Germany		100
46	PAYG Payment Summary	7,800,000	345,774		Australia			100.00	
Various	Activity Statements	11,190,000	299,329		Australia			100.00	
8417	Short Tax Return Instructions 2005	628,000	266,200	Australia	Aust/NZ			100.00 <sup>5</sup>	
13515	Get it right first time flyer	3,950,000	256,300			Australia		100.00	
6931	ATO Corporate Envelope	12,000,000	246,400				Australia	100.00	

<sup>1</sup> Indicates that prices include paper, production and freight costs.

<sup>2</sup> Used for text pages and tends to be of a lighter weight to minimise bulk.

<sup>3</sup> Tends to be of a higher quality and weight for durability for forms to be filled in.

<sup>4</sup> Indicates that the percentages have been based on number of pages or sheets.

The size of the product and the paper grammage has not been taken into account in calculating the proportion of local and overseas content.

<sup>5</sup> Indicates that there is a NZ component in the manufacture of the paper stock.