

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Question

Printing costs

(a)How much was spent on printing 2011-12? (b)Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? (c)How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? (d)How many of these printed documents were also published online? (e)Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost? (f)How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? (g)Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? (h)How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? (i)How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Answer

(a) The Department's total print expenditure for the 2011-12 financial year was \$5,860,380 (excl. GST). The Department's total expenditure with Bluestar, the Department's preferred supplier, was \$5,821,608 (excl GST), 99% of total printing expenditure.

Further responses to this question have been based on print jobs outsourced to Bluestar by the Department's centralised Design team only, at a total cost of \$1,875,915 which represents 32% of the total Department expenditure with Bluestar. This level of detailed information, while requiring a significant amount of time to compile, was reasonably accessible as it is managed centrally. To compile complete details of all print jobs across the Department would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(b) Within the total printing cost of \$1,875,915 reported in (a), the cost of printing documents for the 2011-12 financial year was \$1,442,265.

(c) Relating to the cost of printing documents in (b), 204 documents were published in 2011-12, with 3,012,206 copies printed.

(d) Of the 204 documents reported in (c), 45 were also published online.

(e) Of the 204 documents reported in (d), eleven were distributed Australia wide at a total distribution cost of \$581,081.

(f) The Department's total print expenditure for the 2012-13 financial year to 31 October 2012 is \$648,237 (excl. GST). The Department's total expenditure with Bluestar, the Department's preferred supplier, to 31 October 2012 is \$566,640 (excl. GST), 87% of total printing expenditure.

Further responses are based on print jobs outsourced to Bluestar by the Department's centralised Design team only, at a total cost of \$256,279, which represents 45% of the total Department expenditure with Bluestar.

(g) Within the total printing cost of \$256,279 reported in (f), the cost of printing documents for the 2012-13 financial year to 31 October 2012 is \$162,036.

(h) Relating to the cost of printing documents in (g), 31 documents have been published in financial year 2012-13 to 31 October 2012, with 332,946 copies printed.

(i) Of the 31 documents reported in (h), 17 were also published online.