

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing—February 2009

Written question reference: CC21

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Paper used for Garnaut Review

Hansard Page: Not relevant for written QoN

Question: (Senator Johnston)

Penny Wong's department spent \$18,000 to print the Garnaut Report on special paper from Italy. The paper was reported to be 80 per cent recycled and 20 per cent chlorine free pulp and from 'well-managed' forests.

- What emissions were expelled in transporting this paper to Australia?
- Why didn't you use recycled Australian paper?
- What is wrong with using Australian paper?
- How much more did it cost to use the imported Italian paper?
- What other publications are you or your department using this Italian paper for?

Please provide details, costs, dates, etc

Answer:

The imported paper referred to was used only in the production of the Draft Garnaut Report.

- The emissions related to the transport of this paper to Australia have not been calculated.
- At the time of production of the draft report, the design consultant advised that there were two Australian-made paper options. One of the two options had no environmental credentials; the other (which was 100% recycled) was reported to be of low quality and would have meant the graphs and images would not have reproduced cleanly.
- See above answer.
- The Italian paper cost \$18,000, which was considered value for money. The publisher advised that no Australian recycled paper was suitable for this particular report.
- The 9Lives80 paper was used for the cover only of the Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper published in July 2008. It has not been used for any further publications or any other purpose.