

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: 1/1.1**

**Topic: Procurement of Paper**

**Senator: Xenophon**

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**Question:**

How is the Government's ICT (information and communications technology) 'sustainability plan' being applied to recycling when it comes to procurement of paper for Government departments and Parliament Offices?

**Answer:**

The Head Agreement for the Stationery and Office Supplies (SOS) whole of government panel arrangement requires compliance with Environmental Standard (ES4) – Recycled Content Office Copy Paper. ES4 is a mandatory environmental standard of the *ICT Sustainability Plan 2010-2015*.

The Product List for the SOS Panel contains, as mandatory fixed price products, a range of 50% recycled general use office copy paper as required by ES4. Also included, as mandatory fixed price products, are general use office copy paper with recycled contents ranging from 50% to 100%.

Through the SOS Panel Finance has made ES4 compliant general use office copy paper available to agencies, however, it is each agency's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the *ICT Sustainability Plan*.