

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2006

Question: F15

Outcome: All

Topic: Purchasing of Paper

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Senator SHERRY asked:

Okay you can take it on notice: the source of the paper, the proportion that is Australian, the proportion that is not Australian and, for that which is not Australian, which country or countries is it coming from and the reasons for that.

Answer:

Finance purchases paper under a contract with Corporate Express Australia Limited. 99.90 per cent of the paper purchased under this contract during the 12 months ending 31 March 2006 was general purpose office paper of Australian origin.

The remaining 0.10 per cent of paper purchased was specialty paper of foreign origin.

Of this 0.10 percent, 0.03 per cent originated from the United Kingdom, 0.01 per cent from the United States of America and 0.06 per cent from Austria.